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Polish Jews Aid Silesia To Recover

Leaders of Poland's Jewry meeting in Wroclaw, Poland, the former German city of Breslau, recently reported substantial contributions to the industrial recovery program in all of Lower Silesia. Jews have organized 100 business cooperatives, including banks and have opened theatres and work training centers.

Of the Jews in Lower Silesia, 24 per cent are employed in coal mining and foundries; 23 per cent are engaged in manufacturing cooperatives; 16 per cent work in handicraft industries; 3.5 per cent in agriculture; 6.5 per cent in free production, and 7 per cent in trading enterprises. Nineteen per cent of the Jews work in health and social institutions.

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LEON BLUM ATTACKS BRITISH POLICY

Writing in Le Populaire, M. Léon Blum, the French Socialist leader, made a bitter attack on Britain for its Middle East policy, which, he said, had caused hostilities to break out in Palestine. The article created a deep impression since it is the first time the present British Government has been attacked by a leader of the French Socialist Party, whose general policy is to collaborate with Britain in foreign affairs.

M. Blum, in his article, recalled that partition was a British idea. He charged Britain with sabotaging the United Nations partition decision by giving full support to the Arab aggressors. Peace, he said, is dependent only on the good will of Britain and the United States. "But the British Government is not trying to help," M. Blum wrote. "It is making every effort to ensure that the termination of its Mandate is not replaced by an international settlement based on partition."

It was incomprehensible, M. Blum said, why Britain had offered all its political, diplomatic, economic, and even military support for the revolt of the Arab States against an international decision proposed by a representative of Britain. M. Blum, who said he was writing not as a Jew but as a democrat and internationalist, urged Britain to adhere to the International law of the United States.

Was Noted As Versatile Writer

Peretz Hirshbein, noted Hebrew author and lecturer, died in New York after a three-year illness, at the age of 67. He was best known for his novel, "Green Fields." One of his more recent works, "Eretz Israel," urged Hebrew people to return to the soil as their best means of their salvation.

"Green Fields" was adapted to the screen and was seen in New York at the Squire Theatre, with English dialogue captions, in 1937. Another play of Mr. Hirshbein's, "A Far-Away Corner," was the first production put on at the Yiddish Art Theatre when it opened in 1919. It was revived twenty years later. His "Once Upon a Time" was seen at the Second Avenue Theatre in 1933.

Born in Kletshelt, Lithuania, Mr. Hirshbein was in editorial work in Vilna and Brisk as a young man. He wrote several plays in Hebrew and Yiddish, some of which were published in Vilna. One of his early plays, "Die Puste Kretschme," was produced in English on Broadway in 1922, under the title "The Idle Inn."

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Boycott of British Goods Scored

The need to force Britain out of Palestine outweighs the threat of any possible economic reprisals to Jews in England or Israel from a boycott of British goods and services in the U.S., the Sons of Liberty Boycott Committee asserted in New York. Prof. Johann J. Smertenko, formerly a top official in the American League for a Free Palestine, entered that defense against a chorus of criticism levelled against the committee by both Zionist and non-Zionist groups.

The former Bergson group official said that the campaign of the two-months-old group "is already producing results that can be calculated in millions of dollars, thousands of letters and a rising public sentiment against British goods and services in the United States." He said that more than 30 U.S. firms have joined in the boycott against Great Britain by cancelling the orders of their buyers in England. He said that the committee is a non-sectarian, non-partisan organization whose goal is to force a change in British anti-Israel policy through economic pressure. The plan of action of the committee, branches of which are now in formation in Philadelphia, Detroit, and Los Angeles, involves direct contact with firms selling British-made goods; boycott advertisements in the local press, posters, petitions and leaflets. Smertenko said that stores failing to support the committee's request are being picketted. Macy's and Hearn's, two large New York department stores, both were picketted. Sales continued in both stores despite the pickets, although many customers informed pickets that they were entering the stores to withdraw their charge accounts. Smertenko

[illegible] boycott was handled by an independent, non sectarian organization, it would merely be considered an act of retaliation on the part of Jews and would be discounted as such. He argued, however, that as an organization of Americans, the committee should be entitled to support of all Zionist bodies. He said for years he and his associates have tried to win such unconditional support but were unsuccessful both with official Zionist leadership and with "dissident" Zionist groups, an obvious reference to the United Revisionist Zionists.

A British boycott has always been a key element in the plank of U.S. Bergson groups but Smertenko insisted the Committee is made up of Jews and non-Jews, Zionists and non-Zionists and is financed by public contributions. Smertenko criticized refusal of U.S. Zionist groups to back the boycott. He summarized the arguments against boycott as follows:

1. It would jeopardize British recognition of Israel.
2. It would endanger negotiations to unfreeze 100,000,000 British-held pounds sterling which belong to the Jewish state.
3. There would be economic reprisals, particularly in the purchase of Israeli citrus fruits, for which Britain is the major market.

Smertenko rejected all arguments. He said that the boycott of Britain by Americans had nothing to do with the foreign relations of the Government of Israel. He said Maj. Aubrey Eban, Israeli delegate to the United Nations, told him that Israel cannot take any stand on a boycott of England by American citizens.

Smertenko said that negotiation for recognition by Britain of Israel would not gain if the Jewish state behaves "like a good little victim," adding that Britain would make concessions only to a show of strength. He said the problem of the British-held millions of pounds was a question of law to be settled by the International Court of Justice. Finally, he argued that the citrus market was not a consideration when the destiny of Israel was at stake and that the reason England bought Palestinian oranges was that she had no money to buy oranges anywhere else.

The American Zionist Emergency Council stated that there is no official Zionist-backed boycott activity under way anywhere and that it had "no reaction" to the Sons of Liberty committee and its activities.

Lessing J. Rosenwald, president of the American Council for Judaism, attacked backers of the boycott, asserting that they show "an overwhelming concern for the destiny and political needs of another state." Rosenwald also hit directly

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Peron Decries Any Bar To Jews

President Peron assured Argentine Jews at Buenos Aires that anti-Semitism was contrary to everything for which he stood. He spoke at an overflow meeting of the Peronista branch of the Argentine Israelite Organization in circumstances that were regarded as extraordinary by all factions of the Jewish community.

"In Argentina," President Peron said, deliberately turning from the indoor audience to address the throng four floors beneath from the balcony, "there ought to be only one class of men, those who work for the national welfare, without distinctions.

"They are good Argentines whatever their origin, their race or their religion, who work daily for the good of the nation, and they are bad Argentines, no matter how much they say, if every day they don't help build the prosperity and greatness of our nation.

"This is the only respect in which Argentina ought to differentiate between men: those who build and those who do not, those who serve the country and those who do not. For this reason, in this freest of countries, while I am President, no one will persecute anybody."

Not only did President Peron speak out strongly for racial tolerance at a meeting characterized by all the trappings of Peronism, with countless vivas for himself and wife, flags and banners and efficient police to hold back the crowd. Senora Peron also spoke.

The meeting, in the heart of one of the most crowded Jewish districts, was impressive, says the New York Times. The police estimated the crowd at 10,000.

There are about 400,000 Jews in Argentina, of whom at least [illegible] over the singling out of Peronista Jews as the audience to which President Peron made his pledge.

Some ask whether President Peron, while telling the outside world that "racism" does not exist in Argentina, was telling Argentine Jews that they were all right as long as they were good Peronistas. Many Jews, as in other lands, want to be left alone and conduct

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Claims U.S. Entry Easier For Nazi Than Victim

Since the passage of legislation designed to admit 250,000 displaced persons to the United States, the actual movement of such refugees to America has stopped, says Michael L. Hoffman, in the New York Times. Inquiries at headquarters of the International Refugee Organization reveal not only that no refugees are being moved out of camps but that there appears no prospect of an early movement on a scale called for by the law.

The organization is responsible for assisting in the processing of prospective immigrants and transporting them, but it cannot proceed until people have valid immigration visas for the United States. No visas are being granted at present.

According to a statement issued in Frankfort on the Main by twelve voluntary relief agencies, 1,500 persons who had been processed fully and found eligible for visas under President Truman's directive of 1947 have now been told they must go again through the entire business. Operation of the Truman directive was suspended when the new law came into force, and the United States consulates are interpreting the law strictly.

The procedure followed by the consulates in granting visas is being criticized widely by voluntary agencies and others intimately concerned with the problems of resettlement. Most of the displaced persons are near three consulates in the United States zone—Stuttgart, Frankfort and Munich. The consular officials refuse to process applicants in the camps, which ne-

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N.Y. Boy, 16, Gets Highest Mark Possible

David L. Greenwood, 16-year-old high school graduate who scored 99.9 per cent—the highest mark possible—in the university scholarship competition sponsored by the New York State Education Department, returned to Brooklyn from his summer vacation to make plans for his college career this fall.

Emerging highest among 827 scholarship winners, the honor of being the brightest pupil in New York State does not rest lightly on David's shoulders. Interviewed at his home at 25 Winthrop Street, Brooklyn, where he lives with his parents, both teachers, David said he would major in economics and history at Cornell, which he will enter this month on a four-year scholarship.

The youthful scholar returned from Pluckemin, N. J., where he and his family have been vacationing. A June graduate of Midwood High School, Bedford Avenue and Glenwood Road, Brooklyn, David said the day-and-a-half examinations last May had been "very tough." In fact, he declared, after going through the rigors of the first day's tests in social studies "I debated whether it was worth while taking the tests the next day."

On the first day, after spending the morning wrestling with "short answer questions in the social studies," David received two essay-type questions in the afternoon session. In the first he faced graphs outlining prices and wages. He had to write an explanation of their fluctuations. In the second he had to write a sample "letter to a news-

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Social Notes — Montreal

Mrs. Louis Hyman, of New York, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Bertha Goldwater, Marlowe Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Newman and family, formerly of Harvard Avenue, have moved to 3841 Melrose Avenue. They have as their guest Mrs. Newman's uncle, Ossip de Perelma, the noted portrait painter.

Mr. and Mrs. William Malus and sons, Norman and Michael, Lacombe Avenue, were in Plattsburg, N.Y.

Dr. and Mrs. Ephraim Goldwater, Ellardale Road, are spending several weeks at Cape Cod, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Bazar, Melrose Avenue, returned from a [illegible]

Mr. and Mrs. Milton L. Klein, Dornal Avenue, were in New York and Atlantic City, N.J., for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter S. Wise, Dornal Avenue, returned after spending six weeks in Los Angeles, Calif., and other Southwestern states.

Mrs. Morris Brott, Ridgevale Avenue, was in New Glasgow, Quebec.

Stephen Azeff, Lennox Avenue, spent the season at Val Barrette.

Dr. and Mrs. S. D. Brigel, Wilson Avenue, had visiting them, Dr. John H. Gunter, professor of oral surgery at the Graduate School of Medicine and faculty of dentistry, University of Pennsylvania, and Mrs. John H. Gunter, and family, who were on their way to Fredericton, N.B.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Kahn, Old Orchard Avenue, were at Ogunquit, Maine, for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Reider, formerly of 853 Dollard Avenue, have taken up residence at 4530 Ridgevale Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Azeff and son, Robert, Lennox Avenue, were at Petit Lac Long.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Golden and family, Vendome Avenue, spent the summer at Old Orchard, Maine.

Misses Mary and Anne Marks, Grand Boulevard, are spending the holiday at Ivry.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Goldwater, Vendome Avenue, spent several weeks at Ogunquit, Maine.

Mrs. Edward Barkoff and daughter, Victoria, Roslyn Avenue, returned after an extended visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sol. D. Silberstein, of West End, New Jersey.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Cohen, Victoria Avenue, had as their guests, their [illegible]

Mr. and [illegible] Arthur Gilbert Bernstein and son, Colin, of Hampstead, London, England; Mr. and Mrs. Barry Taylor, of Barnet, London, England; and Miss Minnie Bigler and Murray Bigler, of New York, and Los Angeles, Calif., returned to their homes after visiting with their cousins, Misses Faye and Vic Bernstein; and Reuben Bernstein, Lansdowne Avenue.

Perry Meyer, Grosvenor Avenue, is in Kingston, N.Y., attending the Hillel Foundations Institute.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Bazar and sons, Leonard and Ronald, Clarke Avenue, returned after spending the season neat Shawbridge.

Professor and Mrs. M. H. F. Freedman and children, Steven and Linda, of Philadelphia, Pa., are visiting her mother, Mrs. Michael A. Michaels, Chesterfield Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Goldstein, Grosvenor Avenue, were in Boston, Mass.

Mrs. M. O. Kirsch, Belmont Avenue, is returning from La Macaza.

Miss Suzann F. Cohen, Cote des Neiges Road, spent several days at the King Edward Hotel, in Toronto, Ont., to be present at the marriage of Miss Levonah Cohen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Cohen, to Dr. Norman Kalant, son of Mrs. S. Kalant, all of Toronto.

Benjamin Robinson, K.C., and Mrs. Robinson, Forden Crescent, had as their guests for several days, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stern and daughters, Ruth and Joan, of Newton, Mass.

Mrs. B. Brodie, Laurentien Hotel, left for Ottawa, Ont., to visit her son-in-law and daughter, Wing Commander A. H. Lieff, R.C.A.F., and Mrs. Lieff, for a month, and then will leave for San Diego, California, to visit her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. George Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Evin and family, Victoria Avenue, spent a few days at Wooden Acres, in St. Adolphe de Howard.

Dr. and Mrs. Edward D. Joseph and daughter, Leila, of New York, who are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bloomfield, Chomedy Street, spent a week at Wooden Acres in St. Adolphe de Howard.

Mrs. P. Presner, Sherbrooke Street West, spent three months in Flint, Mich., visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Bernstein, and their daughter, Minnie Bernstein, and their [illegible] Lawrence Bernstein, who had with them [illegible] in Korea. They motored back to Montreal with Mrs. Presner, and spent some time visiting Mrs. Presner's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Seltzer, and daughter, Eleanor Vivian, Queen Mary Road, at their home in St. Eustache.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Cohen, Cote des Neiges Road, had visiting them for a week the former's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Martin Caplan, of Chicago, Illinois, and entertained for them at the Samovar, at Chez Ernest, and at an evening party at home. They were entertained also by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Newman, Melrose Avenue.

Mrs. Charles Leiffer and daughter, Miss Mary C. Leiffer, Jeanne Mance Street, were in Bathurst, N.B., the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Leckner for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Chandler, of Portland, Maine, were at the Windsor Hotel while in Montreal for the [illegible] Street, [illegible] their cousin, Myer Lapedis, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Lapedis, Brodeur Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Rosenberg, Wiseman Avenue, and Mr. and Mrs. I. Weiss, Dornal Avenue, entertained for Mr. and Mrs. Harry Most, of Bronx, N.Y., at their summer home in St. Faustin.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Shein and daughter, Miss Libby Shein, Darlington Avenue, were at Plattsburg, N.Y., for the season.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Liverman and children, Lawrence and Phyllis, Van Horne Avenue, are back [illegible] pending the season at Le Urbain Street, [illegible] returned from a trip to Boston, Lynn, Lawrence, and Revere Beach, Mass. They are spending the remainder of the season at their summer home in Lesage.

Mrs. I. Davis, Woodbury Avenue, will return shortly from Ste. Agathe.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Myran and son, Robert, 3541 St. Urbain Street, spent the season in Plattsburg, New York.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Herman, Van Horne Avenue, were in Morin Heights.

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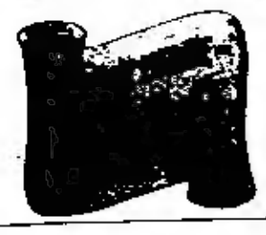
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Mr. and Mrs. L. Cabinsky and children, Eleanor and Melvyn, 4447 Esplanade Avenue, were in Plattsburg, N.Y., for the season.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Lebofsky and family, de l'Epee Avenue, were at Plattsburg, N.Y., for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Hitaig and son, Kenneth, Willowdale Av[illegible], have returned from California where they spent two months visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Lasaner, Nelson Avenue, spent a few weeks at Old Orchard Beach, Maine.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Most, of Bronx, N.Y., motored to Quebec where they spent two weeks in St. Faustin, and two weeks with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rosenberg, Stuart Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Roth, St. Lawrence Boulevard, returned after spending two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Feigenbaum, in Nashville, Tennessee.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Tanny and daughters, Doris and Brenda, St. Urbain Street, are back after spending the season at Plattsburg, New York.

Misses Mary C. Leiffer and Leonie Leiffer, Jeanne Mance Street, left for New York, where they will spend the remainder of the summer holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Schachter, Durocher Avenue, returned from Atlantic City, N.J., where they spent their summer holidays.

Dr. and Mrs. E. A. Blumenfeld and daughter, Eleanor, Hutchison [illegible] trip to Los Angeles, Calif., where they visited their son-in-law and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. Aaron Lax, and grandchild, Gary Steven.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Tanny and son, Gerald, Esplanade Avenue, spent the season at Plattsburg, N.Y.

Miss Goldie Anker, Park Avenue, returned from a trip to Hollywood, Calif., where she visited her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Kletsky, formerly of Montreal. On her return trip she visited her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Greenapple, of Brooklyn, N.Y., formerly of Montreal.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Freedman and children, Ronald and Linda, Outremont Avenue, have returned from a season at Trout Lake, and from Atlantic City, N.J.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Tanny and son, Larry, Belmont Avenue West, spent the season at Plattsburg, New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Abe [illegible]bert, of Los Angeles, California, are spending four weeks with their nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. I. Adler, Clark Street, while here for the marriage of the latter's only daughter, Ann, to Michael Weshler.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Israel, of New York, and Danbury, Conn., are spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. Abrasha Wigdor, Van Horne Avenue, who entertained at an evening party in their honor.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Weshler, Clark Street, gave a supper party, honoring Miss Ann Adler, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. Adler, Clark Street, whose marriage to their only son, Michael, took place on September 1. Others present were: Mr. and Mrs. S. Bazar and Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Adler, grandparents of the bride; and Mrs. Miriam Weshler, grandmother of the groom; Mr. and Mrs. S. Rakita, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Weshler, and I. Weshler, uncles and aunts of the groom; Mr. and Mrs. L. Herman, great-uncle and great-aunt of the bride; Mr. and Mrs. B. Bazar, uncle and aunt of the bride; Mr. and Mrs. Sam. Saskin, Myer Rakita, Sam. Feller, and Caroline Weshler, cousins of the groom; Mr. and Mrs. N. Saskin, Leon Markson; and Misses Esther and Barbara Weshler, sisters of the groom. The honoree wore a two-piece blue satin dress and a set of rhinestone necklace and earrings, given to her at the dinner party by the groom. Mrs. Adler wore a black crepe dress; Mrs. Weshler, a flowered silk dress; Mrs. Hyman Adler, grandmother of the bride, a navy-blue crepe dress; Mrs. S. Bazar, her other grandmother, a printed jersey dress; and Mrs. Miriam Weshler, grandmother of the groom, wore a blue and white crepe dress, trimmed in white. There was a centrepiece on the table composed of a melon filled with variegated fruits. Mr. and Mrs. S. Bazar, grandparents of the bride, presented her and the groom with a cheque.

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First Representative Of Israel In Washington

By Murray Frank

On beautiful, broad Massachusetts Avenue in Washington, on this tree-bedecked street which is often referred to as "Ambassador's Alley", there stands a simple, white, three-storey building, flanked on its right by a stone fence which extends from the building to the sidewalk. The attention of the passerby would seldom be attracted to the building, were it not for the flag which flies lustily from a second-storey window. There, in the heart of the foreign embassies and legations, this flag is still something new, something unbelievably novel.

It is the familiar, blue-white Jewish flag which now flutters so proudly over the building. At the entrance, a small brass plaque on the door bears the legend: "State of Israel, Mission to the United States". This, then, is the building which houses the diplomatic mission of Israel in the capital of the United States and the head of that mission, Eliahu Epstein, the first official representative of the People of Israel and the Land of Israel.

Epstein has his office on the second floor. This is where he receives daily the numerous guests and visitors who come to confer with him on matters pertaining to the Jewish state. This is where he is interviewed by the representatives of the press, among whom he has developed many valuable friends in the few years since he came to Washington. This is the nerve center of Jewish diplomatic activity in Washington.

This writer was among the first to become closely acquainted with Epstein when he had arrived in Washington just about three years ago as the representative of the Jewish Agency for Palestine. In the spring of 1945, Epstein was delegated by the Jewish Agency as an observer at the San Francisco Conference of the United Nations. The large contingent of Jewish representatives and observers, who cooperated closely with the Jewish Agency, immediately became aware that he was an expert of Arab affairs and a brilliant political analyst. Epstein remained in San Francisco until the end of the Conference, serving as one of the main advisers to the Jewish observers.

Shortly after the San Francisco Conference had adjourned in June, Epstein came to Washington to establish an office of the Jewish Agency. He felt quite strange here at first. He moved slowly and cautiously in making his first diplomatic steps, in orientating himself to the new surroundings, in getting the proper perspective of the Washington diplomatic scene. In those days he worked quietly and unostentatiously, with tactfulness and modesty, through personal contact and acquaintanceship with important government officials and with representatives of the press.

He kept himself at all times in the background. "The individual is not important," he once observed to this writer, "what is important is the goal for which we are striving." Discouraging our pleas to write a brief sketch of him in order to introduce him to the American Jewish public, he would say: "I do not desire personal publicity. Please do not write about me, at least not now. Perhaps there will be an opportunity for this some time in the future."

Thus three years went by since his arrival in Washington, and at last the opportunity has come! During these three years, however, Epstein created a specific Jewish [illegible] and has accomplished wonders in order to obtain official recognition from the U. S. Government.

They were not three years of peaceful activity and easy-flowing accomplishments. On the contrary, these were years of great storm and stress, crucial and nerve-shattering years, when oftentimes everything appeared to be on the verge of disastrous ruination, when all [illegible] and accomplishments were [illegible] wiped out by outside forces against whom one felt so helpless and forlorn, when the future was so bleak and overcast with an impenetrable black cloud.

Epstein never lost his sense of perspective, not even in the most difficult moments. With his keen, analytical way of thinking, he quickly grasped the significance of each thorny and critical situation, and in many instances he succeeded in finding a solution or in lessening its acuteness. It was because of this forthright and sincere approach to problems, and his readiness at all times to cooperate under the most trying circumstances, that Epstein earned for himself a large measure of respect and a host of friends [illegible].

Tall in stature, with blue eyes, grayish wavy hair, a friendly smile on his lips and in his eyes, when serious his eyes will move back and forth somewhat nervously, visibly impatient—this is Eliahu Epstein. As a diplomat, he feels the burden and responsibility for his people, consequently he is very exact and correct in his contact with government officials and in his manner of speech. He is always neatly dressed, and has a pleasant and friendly appearance.

Epstein is still reasonably young for his accomplishments. He will be 44 this fall. He was born September 18, 1904, in the town of Snovsk, in the Ukraine. His early education was the usual education given to Jewish youth in the little Jewish towns of Russia prior to the revolution of 1917. The emphasis was on Jewish religion and

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• Mrs. Sol. Schwartz, Queen Mary Road, is in New York for the Bnai Brith National Youth Commission Meeting, at the Hotel New Yorker, on September 5 and 6.

• JEWISH Community Camps: Laurentian Fresh Air Fund took care of over 200 mothers and children from two to seven years of age, at their Camp at Lac L'Achigan. One third were new Canadians who arrived in the last four or five months, many of whom acquired a smattering of the English language during their stay. Mrs. Samuel Leopold is president.

• SPANISH and PORTUGUESE Synagogue, Dr. Solomon Frank, Rabbi: Services, Friday, September 3, at 7.15 p.m.; Saturday, at 9 a.m. Rev. S. Kastner, the Cantor, will conduct services. Sermon: "And Ye Shall Possess The Land."

• MIZRACHI WOMEN, Solomon Lieff Chapter: Mrs. I. Teller, 205 Mount Royal Avenue West, gave a tea at her summer home in Ste. Agathe, raising $40 for Aid To Israel.

• HOSPITAL OF HOPE: Mesdames I. Rosen, B. Revzen, H. Bercovitch, A. Ikeman, H. Carin, J. Altman, A. King, P. W. Cohen, D. [illegible] E. Shenker, L. Golden[illegible] Olan[illegible] Revzen, A. Blumenthal, S. Laiken, B. Feigelman, M. Edelstein, B. Rubin, H. P. Stark, M. Lightstone, M. Pinsky, R. Bailis, H. Klar, M. Margulick, Miss Marilyn Gitnick will be guests at a complimentary tea tendered by the Executive Committee of the Hospital, at the Queen's Hotel, on Wednesday, September 15, at 2.30 p.m.

• Mrs. H. Singer, McTavish Street, president of Canadian Hadassah, addressed a women's luncheon at the Canadian National Exhibition, in Toronto, Ont.

• TEMPLE EMANU-EL, Dr. Harry J. Stern, Rabbi: Services on Friday, September 10, at 8.15 p.m. Dr. Stern will officiate in the auditorium. Summer services are held on Fridays at 8.15 p.m. in the Community House, by the Brotherhood. Committee: Hershell Lewis, Francis Beck, Abraham Bergen, Miles Wisenthal, Samuel Paperman, Lewis Sherwin, Herbert Goldstein, Dr. Israel Rettan, head of the Department of Homiletics of the Hebrew Union College, will again alternate with Rabbi Stern in conducting high holy day services, in the Temple and in the Community House, with two choirs. Pew Committee meets on Sunday, September 12, 10 a.m.—12.30 p.m.; also September 19. Members are: David G. Jassby, chairman; William Gittes, George Hollinger, Garner Bornstein, Jack Carrick, Edward T. Garfinkle, Sam. Paperman, Bert Joseph, Eugene Stearns, Hershell Lewis, Dr. Lyon Betcovitch, Nathan Bing, Herman Tower. Sunday, September 12, at 10 a.m., registration in the Religious School; and for mid-week Hebrew sessions. Regular classes commence on September 19 for the Junior School; High School, Saturday, September 25, at 9.45 a.m.

• NATIONAL COUNCIL of Jewish Women: Mrs. L. J. Notkin, president, will be assisted at the tea meeting on September 15, at the Mount Royal Hotel, by the vice-presidents, Mesdames S. S. Lerner, [illegible] Isaac [illegible] will be in charge of the tea table. At the closing exercises of Council Camp for Girls, at Lac Fournelle, were: Mesdames Charles Shaen, William Addleman, N. Proc[illegible] I. Hi[illegible] L. Victor, L. Cohen, C. Shapiro, A. Lewis, E. Lubin, H. Auerbach, Fred Reed, S. Kahn, B. Lazare, A. Teneer, S. S. Lerner, Mr. and Mrs. B. Cohen, Misses Trudie Rodie, Nancy Solomon, Annetta Kahn; and Maurice May. Misses Leila Auerbach and Beatrice Galler were Unit heads; Doris Maurice, Roberta Lander, Minnie Zimring, Joy Schwartz, Sonia Grover, Marilyn Goldman, Eleanor Goldsmith, Doris Blumer, Leatrice Spears, counsellors; Jeane Schatia, Rhoda Harris, Sheila Lubin, Irene Dineuivitz, Ruth Mendelsohn, Joan Beecher, Rena Steinberg, counsellors-in-training. In a cantata, "A State Is Born," written, presented, directed and arranged by the counsellors, all the campers participated. Mrs. Harold Rosenbaum was director, as for the past three years.

• HADASSAH: Ethel Epstein Ein Chapter received $67 for Aid To Israel, through a carnival at Prefontaine, directed by Rhoda Batist, Felicia Kastner, Eileen Lerner, assisted by Nancy Batist, Eleanor Chandler, Minnie Eisenberg, Frances Green, Gloria Goldstein, Sandra Herman, Frances Miller, Marguerite Moscovitch, Donald Singer, Ronald Tunis, Janet Wittenberg, Gerald Wittenberg, all children. They received forty pounds of canned goods, given to the 16 Millimetre Camera Club, through S. Goldstein, for the Food-For-Israel campaign.

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Visible Tokens Of Sharp Decline

By Dr. Cecil Roth, British Historian

The Anglo-Jewish association, unless I am mistaken, sets as its ideal the Anglo-Jewry of a generation ago, when our community, distinguished for its discipline and cohesion and when the members of the leading Anglo-Jewish families, with their long experience of public life, were permitted by universal assent to direct our affairs generally. That indeed was a halcyon age, and I have elsewhere expressed the opinion that the Jews of England, in the Edwardian and late Victorian eras, constituted the ideal of the emancipated community.

But that is a picture of the past. We must face the facts that not only have circumstances changed, but men have changed too, and perhaps more drastically; and the reason the benevolent and efficient oligarchy of a generation ago has been overshadowed is not only because of external events, but also because of its internal change. It is impossible for me here to demonstrate this in detail, but I should like to take one aspect of it—the changed attitude of the community towards cultural matters and the sharp decline in its cultural standards.

It is impossible to say that Anglo-Jewry has ever been distinguished for its intellectual achievement, in the same sense that German Jewry was. But in a former generation we produced from our midst a little group of native-born scholars of real eminence, who combined with a competence as great as that of the continental savants a humanism which was all their own, and which constituted, one might say, the specific English contribution to the *Juedische Wissenschaft*. There was Israel Abrahams, whose *Jewish Life In The Middle Ages* was only the most famous of a series of important works; Claude Montefiore whose theological and Biblical studies as well as his saintly character gave him a unique position in academic circles; Joseph Jacobs, historian, folklorist, and perhaps the principal architect of that remarkable monument of learning, *The Jewish Encyclopaedia*; Lucien Wolf, who deliberately debarred himself from attaining a truly great reputation among historians because he confined himself so strictly to the Jewish field; and several more. Their associate, Israel Zangwill, with his intense sympathies, was without doubt the outstanding Jewish man of letters in the world of his day, and rounded off the group; and there were many others—poets and poetesses, essayists, antiquaries, translators, and so on.

Who is there today? We look about us, but the places they vacated are still empty. There are indeed some distinguished scholars in our midst, but they are almost without exception foreign-born, and for the most part foreign-trained. (The present writer is a lonely exception in this respect, but he is as conscious as anyone can be that he cannot be placed in the same category as those whom he has mentioned above, in whose footsteps he painfully attempts to plod.) We have indeed a brilliant band of younger Jewish writers and novelists. But my friend Louis Golding will not resent my saying that, in the Jewish sphere, he is no Zangwill. Even in this respect, one can see the visible tokens of the sharp decadence of the Anglo-Jewish community, and in a relatively short while.

One reason for the decadence is, without a doubt, that the community at large has ceased to appreciate intellect and things of the spirit. When I was a schoolboy, I remember going to a meeting of the short-lived Society of Hebraic studies. The subject was not exceptionally enlivening, but the audience was immensely distinguished and I can still remember the thrill I felt to find myself sitting between Lucien Wolf and Israel Zangwill. When I first joined the Jewish Historical Society, after the last War, our meetings were graced with the presence of the leading Anglo-Jewish families. A Henriques was president—not as a compliment to his lineage, but because he had made first-rate contributions to the subject—and I recall council-meetings at which the presence of men like Philip Guedalla was no rarity.

On the occasion of the Society's meetings on the jubilee of Political Emancipation, in 1908, or at the Peace Banquet after the last war, a roll of those who attended was almost a Who's Who of Anglo-Jewry; and it was regarded as a point of honour for the members of the leading families to support the Society. Now, as they die out, their sons do not trouble in most cases to renew their subscriptions, and they would consider it far beneath their dignity to attend. Our Jubilee Meeting at Burlington House during the War was in many respects a great success, but the absences were striking and deplorable. One would imagine that the leading members of the Anglo-Jewish Association, with obvious pride in their community, would go out of their way to support this, the only Anglo-Jewish intellectual organization of standing and the source of its intellectual justification and, as it were, counterpart in the intellectual world. But many of them—*not excluding even the outstanding figures*—are not even members: and it is not for want of asking.

The Arthur Davis Lectures and Lucien Wolf Lectures under the auspices of the Society were once social events. Not long ago, one was delivered by one of the outstanding Continental statesmen, and at Woburn House; but not a single person prominently associated with any of the organizations in the building paid him the compliment of attending. It is not only that we have ceased to produce scholars; not only that we have ceased to maintain scholarship; but that we have begun to think of it as a species of slumming.

There is the same depressing outlook in every other direction. In the eighteen-eighties, when Anglo-Jewry was barely one-third of its present numbers, we had a Jewish learned periodical: but it died forty years ago, and thus far has not been replaced (though I am glad to say that at present plans seem to be in the air for its renewal). In the nineteenth century, the community had more than one admirable periodical, containing intellectual pabulum as well as religious instruction and political information: if that is not the case now (one remembers Laurie Magnus's gallant but pathetic attempt with *The Jewish Guardian*) it is because our community is indifferent. Israel Abrahams' *Jewish Life In The Middle Ages*, Joseph Jacobs' *Jews of Angevin England*, could not find a publisher today, without subsidy *(experto credet)*: English Jews, publishers tell us, do not read—but that was not the case with their fathers. Personally, I have no complaint on this score, but I am amazed to find at what houses recent Jewish books, even of merit, are not to be found, unless they have been elicited from the unfortunate author free of charge.

This is not to sugest that there is no patronage of Jewish writing, and of Jewish learning, in this country. There is in fact a good deal of it, though in many cases not ideally and economically expended. There have been established of late lectureships and readerships in Hebrew and Jewish studies in more than one University, as I am in duty bound to recognize, and with gratitude. But in almost every case it will be found that these acts of beneficence for the renewal or maintenance of Jewish intellectual life, of the things of the spirit without which Judaism cannot survive (and Anglo-Jewry is no exception) come from the newer element in our community, of not-too-distant foreign origin, of strongly Nationalist sympathies, and not from the old-established section whose fathers led the community a generation ago. If those whose views are represented in the Anglo-Jewish Association wish to make their voice heard, they must shoulder their responsibilities: and for those who consider that religion is the essential bond between Jew and Jew, intellectual responsibilities are by no means the least.

This article is from the Jewish Monthly.

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Names In Jewish Immigrant Aid History

By H. M. Caiserman, Of Montreal, General Secretary, Canadian Jewish Congress

Numerous articles have been published during the last quarter century on the beginnings of the Jewish Immigrant Aid Society, that is, the circumstances of its organization. A few with sentiments of hero worship ascribed it to a noble gentleman and an acknowledged Canadian Jewish communal leader who, after its organization became identified with its work.

In April, 1920, the executive committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress approved a suggestion that a conference of organizations be called for the purpose of establishing a Jewish Immigrant Aid Society and to discuss the possibility of assisting Jewish immigration into Canada. As general secretary of the Congress, it was my duty to convoke this meeting. Dozens of organizations functioning at the time in Montreal were notified, and the meeting took place on June 23, 1920, at the Zionist Federation office at 226 Sherbrooke Street West, in Montreal. However, only the following were represented:

1. The Canadian Jewish Congress, represented by the president, Lyon Cohen, and the general secretary, H. M. Caiserman. 2. The Rumanian Verband represented by the president, Samuel Silverman, now a successful business man in Los Angeles. L. Cohen, M. Glazer and S. Schwartz were also present. 3. The Hebrew Ladies' Protective Association. 4. The Ukranian Verband represented by Messrs. B. Mandel and L. Berlin. 5. Association of War Relief. The late Lyon Cohen acted as chairman.

After I read the proposal that a Jewish Immigrant Aid Society be established, those present fully discussed the motion. I distinctly recall that the late Lyon Cohen argued the fact that the Jewish Colonization Association looked after such matters. When a situation of this sort arose, the JCA acted. Mr. Kaplansky (of blessed memory) would travel to Quebec whenever a group of immigrants arrived, in order to protect their interests. Due to this reasoning, Mr. Cohen thought that there was no need of an Immigrant Aid Society.

I also recall my contribution to the discussion. I said that the JCA is chiefly a Colonization Association. Its immigration work up to that time was limited to the immigration problems of Jewish farmers in the Dominion. I pointed out that the JCA often subsidized immigration work in various countries and I expressed the hope that after a Jewish Immigrant Aid Society was organized, the JCA would extend to it its cooperation. I also advanced the argument that the bloody pogroms in the Ukraine, the anti-Semitic movement in Rumania, would cause an immigration movement from Eastern Europe. An active organization should be created with representatives in the various ports of entry, not only to help immigrants to enter but to aid their absorption into the economic life of the Dominion.

The other representatives knew of four stowaways, from Europe, who arrived after the war to settle in Canada. There was no organization to intervene on their behalf. Mr. H. Wolofsky, Mr. A. J. Freiman, and others in their private capacities, obtained from the government their legal admittance into Canada. Consequently, they supported the formation of the Jewish Immigrant Aid Society. Put to a vote, the motion for the creation of the Society was unanimously approved. The writer was elected honorary secretary.

The finances of the first Congress were negligible, and the JIAS could therefore not receive a subsidy. The Rumanian Verband immediately contributed a sum of $500. The Hebrew Ladies' Protective Association also contributed a sum, which I believe was $100. An office was opened with a staff of volunteer workers. The few hundred dollars were sufficient for the office maintenance. The first secretarial job was done by a voluntary stenographer, with voluntary management of the writer, who at the time, being office manager of a manufacturing company, could only contribute his lunch hour, evenings, Saturdays, and Sundays.

Immigration to Canada was then still based on the "open door policy" which made possible the slow arrival of small Jewish groups. These became the first business of the new organization. We soon realized the need of funds. The community was not yet conscious of the imperative need of the JIAS, and we naturally directed our requests for funds to the JCA. Mr. Lyon Cohen, president of the JCA, promised to communicate with the Paris headquarters of the organization, on behalf of our society.

The delay was not entirely satisfactory when something happened the consolidation and expansion of the JIAS. Quite unexpectedly the first ship entered the port of Montreal with hundreds of Jewish immigrants from Europe. A few of the members of the JIAS received them, helped them clear their baggage through customs, and brought them to the Baron de Hirsch Institute where the JCA offices were, and still are.

One can imagine the scene of hundreds of men and women and children with baggage sprawled all along the numerous stairs leading up to the Baron de Hirsch Institute. The JCA faced the problem with a realization that without substantial sums of money the JIAS could not function. They immediately obtained authorization to subsidize the JIAS with the required sums.

Spurred on by this development of June 30, 1920, the first Provisional Executive of the Jewish Immigrant Aid Society was organized. It consisted of the following: Representing the CJC, Messrs. H. Barsky, H. M. Caiserman, L. Fitch, L. Goldman, and Rabbi H. Cohen. Representing the Rumanian Verband, Messrs. S. Silverman, L. Cohen, M. Glazer, S. Schwartz. Representing the Ukranian Verband, Messrs. L. Berlin, M. Berger, B. Mandel. Representing the Polish Verband, Messrs. H. Wolofsky, J. Cohen, and in their private capacity, L. Coviensky, L. Stark.

The first real job of the JIAS was the absorption of the few hundred immigrants who arrived from Europe. The appeal of the community to accept them in their homes for temporary accommodation, met with an unprecedented favourable response, and I am sure that many still remember the joy, emotion, and genuine hospitality of the community.

The first Provisional Officers of the Society were then elected: President, Mr. Louis Fitch (he was then Vice-President of the first Canadian Jewish Congress); Vice-President, Lionel Coviensky; Treasurer, Rabbi Hirsch Cohen; Trustee, H. Wolfe; Secretary, H. M. Caiserman; Recording Secretary, L. Cohen.

The opening of immigration was a fact. The law was the "open door policy" which actually stimulated the building up of Canada. A spirit of optimism and development prevailed; yet during the same period a movement sprang up.

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backed by important political groups and organized labor, demanding that "selective immigration" substitute for "open door policy". The regular arrival of Jewish immigrants, their reception and marching into the Jewish district, raised certain apprehensions, and the urgent necessity arose for a spacious building close to the railway station.

Hundreds of letters were addressed to the leaders of Jewish communities in the Dominion, asking for contributions for a building fund. A substantial percentage of the $13,000 which was collected to purchase the building on 725 Notre Dame Street West, Montreal, came from communities across Canada, particularly from Western Canada. The purchase was made on November 14th, 1920. The building soon became a community center. Not only was it a receiving station for Jewish immigrants, where they received temporary lodging and maintenance, but it was also the center for job location and providing of transportation to others to unite them with their families in various parts of the country.

On November 20th, 1920, Peter Bercovitch, of blessed memory, was named national president of the organization. At that time Peter Bercovitch was a prominent Liberal leader in the Quebec Legislature. Generally, he was regarded as a Jewish representative in the true sense of the word. A few years before, he had been head of the Canadian Jewish Alliance which preceded the establishment of the first Canadian Jewish Congress. He was also persona grata among the press and the Government. Mr. Louis Fitch, the first president of the Society was re-elected on December 3, 1922 and presided until December 30, 1923.

He was then succeeded by Mr. Lionel Coviensky. Under the presidency of Mr. Fitch, the office of JIAS was established with a paid staff and manager and it became a popular institution in the community.

During this time (1921) the Restrictive Immigration Policy was introduced in Parliament. A committee consisting of Lyon Cohen; the writer, and Louis Fitch, representative for JIAS, drafted a memorandum for presentation to the Government. In that memorandum we asked the Canadian government to consider Jews from the central European nations not as former alien enemies, but rather as desiring to come to Canada as members of the Jewish nation. I recall that the request was suggested by the action of Belgium, which then admitted some Jewish immigrants after the first world war on such a basis. The memorandum was printed and widely distributed among members of Parliament and the Canadian press. The law, which was subsequently adopted with a few minor amendments, abolished the historic "open door policy" which, as I already stated, greatly contributed to the development of our Dominion.

In December, 1923, Mr. Lionel Coviensky was elected president of the Society. At that time Mr. Coviensky was still a youth of thirty years. He was treasurer of the Baron de Hirsch Institute; vice-president of the United Talmud Torahs. Under his presidency, a National Conference of JIAS took place in Ottawa immediately after a national Zionist conference. The JIAS meeting was attended by S. W. Jacobs, Lyon Cohen, Max Steinkopf, of Winnipeg; Archie and Lillian Freiman, of Ottawa, all of blessed memory; as well as by many Canadian Jewish leaders from many parts of the country.

The conference was honored by an address by the Right Hon. William Lyon Mackenzie King, Prime Minister of the Dominion of Canada delegates to Ottawa, assured them that he knew of the good work of the Society and wished them God-speed in their deliberations. (No mention was made of immigration).

It was during his term of office that a group of a few hundred immigrants arrived on a ship and were detained in Quebec. A humorous story surrounds this incident. Mr. Coviensky, the president, accompanied by a few of his board members, interviewed some of the immigrants. To all questions asked by him, no one replied. When a Yiddish-speaking member of the Society's delegates inquired why they refused to answer, a few replied slowly in Yiddish: "So that the URL (meaning Mr. Coviensky) does not understand." Mr. Coviensky was completely abashed, and to this day still remembers.

A humorous incident at the conference was the following: Mr. Coviensky had just submitted his annual report of JIAS activities, with few details and a great number of witty remarks. Meanwhile, the delegates smiled benevolently and enjoyed the performance. An energetic young man stood up and in a determined manner demanded from the president statistics on the number of immigrants admitted and other pertinent information which was not included in the report. The young man was J. L. Cohen, of Toronto. The president, instead of answering, adjourned the session for lunch.

At the end of 1925 the late Mr. A. Levin was elected president of the JIAS. He was a colourful figure in Canadian Jewish life as well as being a life-long Zionist leader and a conscientious worker devoted to everything Jewish and to everything Canadian. His acceptance of the JIAS presidency met with warm approval. The point of view that Mr. Levin represented was that success in immigrant aid depended largely on coordinated efforts of the entire community and not solely on the ability of old rusty methods of stadlonim (private ambassadors). He deplored the lack of a national organization in Canadian Jewish life and felt that JIAS should become the nucleus of such an organization. This point of view was in conflict with the views of old-timers in the community.

tion of the JIAS office became necessary. The personal ethical authority and fine service of the president and his board contributed to the continuation of JIAS' popularity with the community and its continued confidence in the men heading it. For reasons which I do not recall, Mr. Levine did not accept re-election to the presidency at the end of 1926. Instead, Mr. Louis Cohen was elected. From December, 1926, to May 13, 1928, Louis Cohen presided over the destinies of JIAS.

The period was an epoch of transition for the JIAS. A new manager, versed in accountancy and social work, entered our service. He was Mr. A. J. Paull, who had just returned from Europe and Palestine. For several years Mr. Paull had been an accountant employed by JDC in Europe and had acquired an intimate knowledge of Jewish life and the relief needs and migration problems of the Jewish masses. When Mr. Cohen was president, the modernization of the office and collection of dues was initiated and was perfected by Mr. Paull. Good relations with immigration authorities were established again and the regular work of the JIAS continued to the satisfaction of the community.

It was on May 13, 1928, at the annual meeting of the Society that Mr. Ben Robinson was unanimously elected president of the JIAS. It was a historic date in the life of the society because for the following ten years Ben Robinson dedicated his talents to the development and survival of JIAS during years of crisis. The story of JIAS during a decade under Mr. Robinson's presidency deserves to be written in full as an example to youth for community service. The space of this article does not permit it. One has to peruse the ten yearly reports of JIAS to learn of Mr. Robinson's planning, political efforts, devotion, and service to the cause of Jewish immigration and to good citizenship, since the tens of thousands who came to Canada during this period have become part and par-

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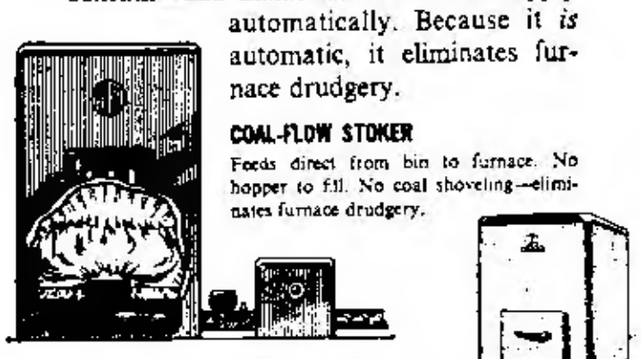

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cel of the Canadian population. They have given their full share to all requirements of good citizenship in both times of peace and war. Even now, as a director of the Society, Mr. Robinson's counsel and cooperation is a source of strength to it.

On December 14, 1941, the annual meeting of the JIAS elected Mr. H. Barsky as president. Mr. Barsky was among the original founders of the JIAS. At the time of the organization of our Society he was closely identified with organized labour, and served at various times as director and then as vice-president. His collaboration has at all times been very close. During his term, nearly the whole of European Jewry was under the heel of the Nazi pest.

The activities of JIAS during the war years were limited and that financial support was not forthcoming was to be expected. Yet over 12,000 persons between December, 1941-December, 1942, applied to the Society for many of the services it offered. Throughout that year the JIAS received and arranged accommodation for almost 600 refugees at the request and under the financial responsibility of the United Jewish Refugee and War Relief Agencies, the Pioneer Woman's Organization, and the Council of Jewish Women. During the same period the accumulated deficit of JIAS reached a sum in the neighbourhood of $10,000. As an act of friendship by the U.J.R. and W.R.A., was the granting of a loan of $5,000 which was to be repaid by the JIAS from the proceeds of its first campaign.

On December 20, 1942, the 24th annual meeting of the Society elected Mr. Samuel Guttman as president. Mr. Guttman, a very active and successful businessman, took his office seriously and as one of his first tasks set himself to balance the budget of JIAS, and provide a normal budget for the work of the Society. This was accomplished in the first year of his presidency by increasing the members of the board, and by securing the cooperation of the entire community. Another attainment under his leadership was the realization of a decision which waited for years to materialize, namely the opening of an office of JIAS in Winnipeg under responsible and capable management.

Under Mr. Guttman's leadership the agreement of the Society with the Canadian Jewish Congress was renewed, and the cooperation which exists between the JIAS and Congress is in no small measure due to his conciliatory disposition. His first term of office was so appreciated by members of the JIAS that they drafted him again at the 24th annual meeting and gave him his third term of office at the 25th yearly meeting which was held recently.

Without the guidance and active cooperation over a period of many years of the late Lyon Cohen, S. W. Jacobs, and A. J. Freiman, many of the achievements of JIAS would not have been rendered possible. Therefore, they were at the inceptive years of the Society's foundation honored at various times with the position of honorary president. In recognition of his active cooperation, A. A. Heaps was added to the list of honorary presidents around 1930. In 1931 the name of Samuel Bronfman was added, while the following year Mr. Samuel Factor, now Judge Factor, of Toronto, became honorary president. In 1939 Peter Bercovitch was added. In 1940 Dr. A. Brodey, of Toronto; and in 1942 H. Barsky and Ben Robinson were also rewarded with honored positions in recognition of their long years of unceasing service.

A. J. Paull and M. A. Solkin at the Montreal office, and M. Kraicer, at the Toronto office, are in a great measure responsible for the JIAS record of work in the service of the Canadian Jewish community. The name of S. Caplan, field organizer of the Society, must also be mentioned and honored because he was the person who established the national membership of JIAS in the far flung communities of Canada, and whose hundreds of articles propagated the JIAS ideal. Mr. S. Belkin, as from the very first day of JIAS existence, today continues to actively cooperate with JIAS, and must also be recognized in a brief history of JIAS. The Toronto officers who have contributed to the development of JIAS in Ontario are Dr. A. Brodey, B. Forer, N. Wilson, Dr. J. L. Atkins, D. Teich, and M. Ezrin.

To these can be added the name of the late David Sweet, of Hamilton, who since JIAS inception worked hard for its development. Others on the JIAS honor roll are Rabbi Levin and Mr. H. Sedersky, of Hamilton; Charles Zwerling, who since the beginning of JIAS represented it in Halifax. The late Harry Kitz was of Halifax. There are Maurice Pollack, of Quebec City; the late I. Ellman, of St. John, N.B.; and the Rev. A. Babb and Meyer Budovitch, of St. John. S. Hart Green, M. A. Gray, J. A. Cherniak, and B. Sheps, of Winnipeg, were for many years JIAS officers in Western Canada and contributed to the national status of the Society. At present the JIAS office in Winnipeg is under the effective management of Jack Steinberg.

The Directors of JIAS during the past quarter century have, more than anyone else, been responsible for the position occupied today by JIAS. Amongst them one finds prominent and devoted communal workers including such men as L. B. Daniels, since deceased; L. Zucker, A. Wolofsky, Jacob Albert, Julius Rosenfeld, W. Tarlow, J. Shafran, M. Dickstein, M. Gold, H. Reich, A. Eaton, J. Boro, Harry Deckelbaum, J. Segall, and in later years M. Garber, Laz. Phillips, Harry Kirsch. There are only a few Montreal names that I remember as identified with JIAS work. Many others served loyally and often anonymously from coast to coast, last, but not least, the press.

I know this is not an adequate picture of a quarter century of JIAS, but I hope that this accumulation of materials will be useful to the future historian who may undertake to write the dramatic story of JIAS accomplishments.

HABIMAH PLAYERS DEPART FOR ISRAEL

The Habimah Players, famed Palestinian theatrical troupe, were guests of honor at a party and reception given by the American Fund for Palestinian Institutions at the Commodore Hotel, in New York.

The troupe of twenty-seven, who appeared in four plays during a six-week run at the Broadway Theatre before a combined audience of 60,000 persons, sponsored by the fund and produced by Theatre, Incorporated, left for Israel. They are scheduled to open their 1948-49 season there on Nov. 1.

Acting as spokesman for his company, Shimon Finkel, prominent member of the troupe and acclaimed for his performances in "Oepidus Rex" and "The Golem", emphasized the deep impression that the technical aspects of Broadways' productions, such as lighting, costumes, "even the rise and fall of the curtain," had made on his fellow actors.

Whether it was a "hit" play or a "flop," Mr. Finkel stressed that the technical outline was of top standard—"and infinitely superior to European theatrical productions." He said that his company "had derived much knowledge from these technical points and we will employ them in our productions."

While praising the sincerity of actors and actresses "who realize the responsibility to the profession," Mr. Finkel, however, maintained that a subsidized theatre "would make for greater development of histrionic talents."

Edward A. Norman, president of the American Fund for Palestine Institutions, reported that "all bills had been paid with no great profit." Miss Beatrice Straight, president and founder of the Theatre, Incorporated, said that the appearance of Habimah "was one of the great experiences for the theatre in general and certainly was an unforgettable one for Theatre, Incorporated."

Following its appearance at the Broadway Theatre, company spent several weeks at Bridgeport University, Bridgeport, Conn., where the group rehearsed "Saul" by Max Zweig for presentation in Israel during the coming season. It also was learned that several prominent American directors have promised to visit Israel and serve as guest directors.

First permanent national organization of Jewish Community Centers and YMHAs was National Council of YMHAs and Kindred Associations, formed in 1913. Among its founders were Louis Marshall, Jacob H. Schiff, Felix M. Warburg, Dr. Mordecai M. Kaplan, Harry Fischel, Dr. Cyrus Adler, Judah L. Magnes, Samuel Goldsmith, now executive director of the Jewish Charities of Chicago and I. Edwin Goldwasser. It was the merger in 1921 of this Council with the war-born National Jewish Welfare Board that established the Jewish Welfare Board.

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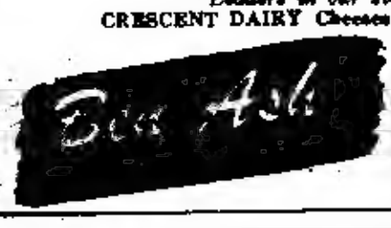

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Israeli Find Ancient Synagogue

An ancient Samaritan synagogue was discovered in the Biblical plain of Ajalon, near the Latrun monastery, during the recent military operations. This is the first record of Samaritan life to be uncovered so far south of Samaria, authorities said.

Soldiers of the Israeli army digging trenches during the period of the Latrun battle, came upon large [illegible]. They called in an archaeological expert who, after a preliminary examination, decided to continue the diggings. Excavations were then begun within range of snipers, bullets from the Trans-Jordan Arab Legion positions at Latrun, says the New York Times writer, Julian Louis Meltzer.

The excavators established the date of the synagogue as of the First Century A. D. They found that its architecture resembled houses of worship already unearthed in central Palestine. Inscriptions and potsherds confirmed this theory, they said.

A leading archaeologist, who declined to be named, said that the discovery represented the first time that traces of the Samaritan community had been found in the coastal region.

The ancient town of Ajalon is known to have been situated between Latrun and the village of El Kubab, but excavations, carried out by the Dominican Biblical Institute of Jerusalem about six years ago, failed to reveal it.

Exhibits have been brought to [illegible] for expert examination. As a result of frontline conditions in the area, it is not possible at the moment to pursue investigations on the spot but it is presumed that the diggings will be resumed after the Israel-Arab war ends.

The archaeologist remarked that this was the first discovery of an ancient site to be made during the war. He recalled that the famous Ein Doch mosaic, found near Jericho during World War I, also came to light accidentally when a shell exploded on the site near the Mount of Temptation.

The Samaritans are descendants of the tribes brought to Palestine by Shalmaneser, King of Assyria, when Israel was overrun and occupied in the Seventh Century before Christ. The Samaritans lived there continuously and there is still a tiny community today on Mount Gerizim, outside of Nablus.

"Mother In Israel"

Mrs. Fanny Binswanger Hoffman, who was honored in 1940 as a "Mother in Israel" by the Women's League of the United Synagogue of America, of which she was a former president and a founder, died in Philadelphia, Pa., in her home. She was 86 years old.

Mrs. Hoffman was the widow of the Rev. Dr. Charles Isaiah Hoffman, rabbi of Oheb Shalom Synagogue of Newark, N.J., who was corresponding secretary of the United Synagogue of America and noted as a Jewish editor. She was cited by the Women's League of the United Synagogue as "the Jewish mother who best represents the ideals of traditional Judaism."

Born in Philadelphia, the daughter of Isidore and Elizabeth Pollock [illegible] was descended from American Revolutionary stock. In her childhood she took an active part in the Spanish-Sephardic Congregation of Philadelphia, in which her father was a leader. Mr. Bunswanger was also president of the board of the Maimonides School.

When a young woman, Mrs. Hoffman organized the Philadelphia Section of the National Council of Jewish Women, of which she became president. She also founded and served as president of the Young Women's Union of Philadelphia, now the Neighborhood Center of Philadelphia.

She became first principal of the Sunday School of Mickve Israel Congregation of Philadelphia and a leader in the early Hadassah organization. After her marriage, she was leader in the Miriam Auxiliary of Oheb Shalom Congregation. In 1920 she was elected second president of the Women's League of the United Synagogue, succeeding Mrs. Solomon Schechter.

Mrs. Hoffman spent most of her life in Newark, returning to Philadelphia after her husband's death in 1945. Surviving are three sons, Rabbi Isidor B. Hoffman, counsellor to Jewish students at Columbia University; Dr. M. David Hoffman, head of the English department at Gratz High School, Philadelphia; and Leon F. Hoffman, of Palestine; and two daughters, Mrs. Hannah Elbert, a pioneer in Palestine, and Miss Rebekah Hoffman, of Philadelphia.

JDC MAKES DP CAMP OF DINGY BARRACKS

The swift conversion of a few bare wooden barracks into a well-furnished and equipped camp for Rumanian Jewish DP's was described by William Ross, recently returned to the United States after 17 months as Area Team representative in Bamberg, Germany, for the Joint Distribution Committee, major American agency aiding distressed Jews overseas. Set up in March at Bindlach, near Bayreuth, the camp served to reunite 260 hungry, poorly-clothed, and panic-stricken Rumanian Jews who had been living in three scattered transient camps in the U.S. Zone. The group, consisting mostly of family groups, had fled by foot through Austria in the hope of early emigration to Israel.

On the day they so unexpectedly arrived, JDC was on hand to provide rations totalling 1500 calories per person. Another 1500 calories were supplied by the Germans. This diet of 3000 calories a day was continued. A few days later, clothing was distributed, and within three weeks after their arrival a school for the children was put into operation. The JDC also secured identification cards for the newcomers.

"Conversion of dingy barracks into something resembling a dwelling place was quite a problem," Mr. Ross recalled. "We had beds, but no mattresses, bathing or laundry facilities." Largely through the assistance of Dr. Philip Auerbach, Commissioner of Racial and Political Refugees in the American Zone, toilets and showers were obtained.

Also high in importance was the serious need for medical and dental attention for the weary, dispirited group. A doctor visited the camp regularly from nearby Bayreuth. DP's suffering from tuberculosis were sent to sanatoria, while arrested cases were given enriched diets and supplementary rations. Pregnant mothers were sent to hospitals in the area for pre-natal care, and a JDC dentist visited the camp three times a week to give dental treatment. The dentist even improvised a chair for examinations.

The response of the Jewish community in Bayreuth helped immensely in organizing the camp and performing liaison work. The new arrivals saw a movie the first week they spent at Bindlach, thanks to the Jewish people of Bayreuth, who waived their chance to see it in order to raise the morale of the distraught Rumanian families.

Before going overseas for the JDC in February 1947, Mr. Ross was employed by the New York City Department of Welfare. During this time he was also engaged in social group work for the Henry Street Settlement. He was graduated from City College of New York in 1929 with a B.A. degree, and did graduate work both at City College and in the New York School of Social Work.

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MARRIAGES

RABINOVITCH-BERGMAN

The marriage of Miss Rhoda Bergman, 1446 West Fourteenth Street, Vancouver, B.C., daughter of Mrs. A. Bergman, 4862 St. Urbain Street, Montreal, and the late O. Bergman, to David B. Rabinovitch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rabinovitch, formerly of Brandon, Man., and now of 3791 West Second Avenue, Vancouver, B.C., took place at Stanley Park Sports Pavilion in Vancouver, on Saturday, May 8, at a quarter-past nine o'clock, Rabbi David Kogen officiating, assisted by Cantor Stolnitz. The bride was given in marriage by her cousin, Jack Brisker. She wore an ice-blue brocaded satin floor-length gown, fashioned with a square-cut neckline, long fitted sleeves, flared at the wrists, and full skirt, shaped into a train. Her braided headdress of brocaded satin was covered with blue net and interwoven with pearl beads. She carried a prayer-book with streamers of stocks and Talisman roses. Miss Sylvia Bergman, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, wearing a tulle gown of peach-shaded taffeta, and a tiara fashioned of the same tulle, trimmed with forget-me-nots. Her bouquet was of mauve stocks and pink carnations. Al. Hestrin, cousin of the groom, was best man; and the ushers were David Serebrin, Charles Freedman and Samuel Fox. The hall was decorated with roses, tulips, stocks, and daffodils. Miss Isobel Fishman played the piano, and Cantor Stolnitz sang "Because". Mrs. Rabinovitch, mother of the groom, wore a rose-shaded afternoon dress, caught with a three-tiered drape in front, and designed with a bustle-back. The bride and groom left for Montreal, travelling through the United States. The bride's going-away costume was a rose-beige two-piece suit, made with a long, fitted dressmaker-styled jacket, and a ballerina skirt, and navy-blue and white accessories. They are living in Vancouver. Miss Goldie Rabinovitch, of Winnipeg, Man., and Miss Minnie Rabinovitch, of Ottawa, Ont., were guests.

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Marcus M. Sperber, K.C., and Mrs. Sperber, Western Avenue, announce the engagement of their daughter, Evelyn Jean, to Jack, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Goodson, Atwater Avenue. Miss Sperber is a graduate of McGill University in Arts, class of 1947. Mr. Goodson served with the armed forces overseas.

Mr. and Mrs. Wolf Bialik, Durocher Avenue, announce the engagement of their younger daughter, Riva, to Herbert, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rosenfeld, Kent Avenue. Miss Bialik is a student at McGill University. Mr. Rosenfeld will receive his B.A. degree from Dalhousie University next spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Green, of Saint John, N.B., announce the engagement of their daughter, Bessie Rosalind, to Samuel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cohen, of Saint John, N.B., the marriage to take place in the near future. Miss Green is a sister of Nathan Green, 4475 Grand Boulevard, Montreal.

BIRTHS

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Cohen (nee Harriett Lehrer), Cote St. Luc Road, a son, Eric Harold, brother of Lawrence, at the Jewish General Hospital, on August 21; grandson of Mrs. L. Lehrer, Grand Boulevard; and of Mrs. S. Cohen, Champagneur Avenue. Godparents are Mr. and Mrs. S. Rolbin, Champagneur Avenue. I. Osnas, Arcade Street, held the baby during the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Lewis Dorfman (nee Barbara Laferman), Dennormanville Street, a daughter, Hinda, sister of Leslie Joseph and Howard Norman Bialik, at the Jewish General Hospital, on August 20; granddaughter of Mrs. Esther Laferman, Papineau Avenue, and the late Joseph Laferman; and the late Mr. and Mrs. Lazar Dorfman.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. David Gilman (nee Sylvia Wilanski), Jean Brillant Street, a daughter, Linda Maxine, sister of John and Jo-Ann, at the Royal Victoria Hospital, on August 20; granddaughter of Mrs. John R. Wilanski, Jean Brillant Street, and the late Mr. Wilanski; and of Mr. and Mrs. A. Gilman, Champagneur Avenue.

Born, to Dr. and Mrs. S. Rochman (nee Anita Solin), Ogilvy Avenue, a son, brother of Lynn, on August 20, at the Royal Victoria Hospital; grandson of Mrs. J. Solin, Van Horne Avenue; and of Mrs. L. Rochman, de l'Epee Avenue. Godparents are Mr. and Mrs. H. Sherman, Van Horne Avenue. S. Leavitt, Maplewood Avenue, held the baby during the ceremony.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Spector (nee Raizel Aronovitch), Linton Avenue, a daughter, Karen Anne, at the Herbert Reddy Memorial Hospital, on August 19. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. M. Miller, Queen Mary Road; and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Spector, St. Joseph Boulevard West.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Isaacson (nee Phyllis Sabbath), Cote St. Luc Road, a son, Brian Mark, at the Herbert Reddy Memorial Hospital, on August 18; grandson of J. L. Sabbath, Oxford Avenue; and of Mr. and Mrs. D. Isaacson, Doussin Avenue. Godparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Finestone, Queen Mary Road. D. Isaacson, grandfather, held the baby during the ceremony.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Al. Glazer (nee Shirley Rosan), Avonmore Avenue, a son, Steven, at the Royal Victoria Hospital, on August 17; grandson of Mr. and Mrs. H. Rosan, Park Avenue; and of Mr. and Mrs. I. Glazer, Barclay Avenue. Godparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. Genser, Sherbrooke Street West. S. Silverstein, Esplanade Avenue, held the baby during the ceremony.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Tauber (nee Sylvia Kohl), Coolbrook Avenue, a daughter, Rhona Lynn, at the Jewish General Hospital, on August 18; granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Kohl, Joyce Avenue; and of Mrs. P. Tauber, Park Avenue, and the late F. Tauber.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Allan Glazer (nee Lillian Moscovitch), Louis Hebert Street, Roscmount, a daughter, Maureen, sister of Irwin and Herbert, at the Jewish General Hospital, on August 15. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Shapiro, St. Urbain Street; and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Glazer, Jeanne Mance Street.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Abramovitch (nee Sylvia Haber), de l'Epee Avenue, a son, Lorne, brother of Marlene, at the Jewish General Hospital, on August 13; grandson of I. Abramovitch, Hutchison Street, and the late Mrs. Abramovitch; and of the late Mr. and Mrs. L. Haber. Godparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jack S. Grossbaum, of Quebec City. J. Spier, Bloomfield Avenue, held the baby during the ceremony.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Guralnick (nee Bessie Letovsky), Cartier Street, a daughter, Myrna, sister of Perry and Melvin, at the Jewish General Hospital, on August 14; granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Letovsky, Papineau Avenue; and of Mrs. R. Guralnick, Cartier Street.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Milton Gold (nee Sadie Yetnikoff), Wilderton Avenue, a son, Darryl Steven, brother of Norman and Sidney, at the Jewish General Hospital, on August 15; grandson of Mr. and Mrs. I. Yetnikoff, McEachran Avenue, who are the godparents; and of Mr. and Mrs. H. Gold, of St. Louis, Missouri; great-grandson of Mr. and Mrs. B. Yetnikoff, Cartier Street. Mr. Yetnikoff, great-grandfather, held the baby during the ceremony.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Resman (nee Ruth Starr), St. Urbain Street, a son, Gerald, at the Women's Pavilion, Royal Victoria Hospital, on August 19. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harry Starr, St. Urbain Street; and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Resman, Villeneuve Street East. Godparents are Mr. and Mrs. R. Small, Esplanade Avenue. Samuel Small, Esplanade Avenue, held the baby during the ceremony.

DEATHS

Jack Nitkin, aged thirty-two, died on August 24. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Rappaport Nitkin; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Nitkin; one brother, Joseph; and two sisters, Mrs. P. Malamud (Ray); and Miss Sylvia Nitkin. Funeral took place from Paperman's, Dr. C. N. Denburg, Rabbi, officiating. Burial was in Beth Yehuda cemetery. Shiva was at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Nitkin, 209 Bernard Avenue West.

Nathan H. Godine, aged seventy-one, died suddenly at his home, 4884 Lacombe Avenue, on August 21. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Annie Denenberg Godine; four sons, Frank, Lionel, Dr. Maurice Godine; Morton, of Boston, Mass.; two daughters, Mrs. Samuel Phillips (Ruth); Mrs. Alfred P. Rittenberg (Lena); five grandchildren, Lorna and Maurice Phillips, Richard Rittenberg, David and Louise Godine, of Boston, Mass.; and two sisters, Mrs. M. Insky (Gussie); and Mrs. David Ruby (Annie). Funeral took place from Paperman's, Rabbi Samuel Case and Reverend J. J. Fromm officiating. Burial was in Shaar Hashomayim cemetery. Shiva was at the home.

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A Protest Against Desecration

By Rabbi Pinchas Hirshprung, Of Montreal

May I draw the attention of the readers of the Canadian Jewish Review to a most outrageous case of "Chillul Hashem" (Desecration of God's name) which was committed publicly and unrestrained by any considerations of tact or tradition in full view of hundreds of vacationers in many resort places in the Laurentians on Shabbath "Chazon", on the Eve of the Ninth of Ab, the Day of Mourning for the destruction of our sanctuary and state.

On this Shabbath a number of cars, bearing banners in blue and white, the Israeli colours, propaganda posters and loudspeakers, were cruising through the streets of Val Morin. From the loudspeakers the announcement was blaring forth that the next day (on Tisha B'Ab) at three o'clock in the afternoon, a floor show would be shown under the sponsorship of the Bnai Brith Lodge. Dancers would participate and, in proper celebration of this Day of our National Mourning, fun of every kind would be amply provided for. Total proceeds of the celebration to go to Aid To Israel.

Many of the Jewish vacationists who stood there in stunned silence, watching this sad spectacle, were at a loss to understand how a Jewish organization could show such a manifest lack of feeling for the Day of National Mourning, for tradition, for all that is held in reverence by the Jewish people, and they asked me this question: "Could the Bnai Brith Lodge find no other way of contributing to the support of Eretz Yisroel than by a floor show with dance girls on Tisha B'Ab?"

I could not give an answer to this question then, and have not found one since, for I could not have believed an occurrence like this could ever happen had I not witnessed it with my own eyes. There is not the slightest doubt in my heart that, if the Jews in Eretz Yisroel knew that on their traditional Day of Mourning the Jews in the Golath arrange floor shows with dancers and jitterbug, they would with utter contempt reject such "support." They would refuse to accept help that comes from a source so utterly un-Jewish, from celebrations that substitute in the very breakdown of Jewish law and custom, that put to shame and ridicule the whole meaning, the very essence and purpose of what our brothers and sisters in Eretz Yisroel are daily sacrificing their lives for. I hope that protests against this unheard of event will prevent a recurrence of such flagrant Chillul Hashem in our community.

UNVEILINGS

ROMBACH: The unveiling of a tombstone to the memory of the late Mrs. Rachel Leah Rombach will take place on Sunday, September 5, at eleven o'clock at Beth Yehuda cemetery. Rabbi S. H. Herschorn officiating. Relatives and friends are invited.

PRIORITY PLANS

Before going abroad high priority should be given on a list of arrangements to a thorough pre-travel medical examination, medical experts say. In the rush of planning, making bookings, assembling and packing baggage, the prospective traveller should not overlook a check-up by the family physician to ensure fitness to stand the inevitable excitement and strain of a protracted trip. The physician can also administer such pre-travel immunization protection as may be necessary in the countries to which he may be travelling.

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A good lunch, well planned and well packed, pays dividends in health and morale, nutritionists say. The lunch should be planned to fit in with and supplement the other meals of the day. It should be packed in a box with a thermos bottle if possible. The foods should be wrapped separately to keep them fresh. Small, tight-lidded jars are suggested for salads, puddings and stewed fruits. It is essential that metal lunch boxes be scrubbed and aired daily. A thermos should be washed with a mild soda solution, scalded and left uncorked.

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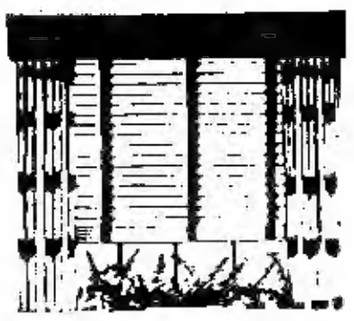
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Social Notes — Toronto

Mrs. Morris Kerbel and sons, Howard and Martin, 219 Rusholme Road, are spending the summer at their cottage in Belle Ewart.

Dr. Sydney L. Palmer and his wife, Dr. Kato Palmer, of San Francisco, Calif., spent several weeks visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Palmer, St. Clair Avenue West.

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Haspel, of Bucharest, Rumania, who arrived to make their home here, are the parents of Mrs. Zola Morgan and Mrs. Bruno Lobel, 21 Vesta Drive; and of Mrs. George Seguin, 43 Camberwell Road. They will reside at 8 Westover Hill Road.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Bergman, 111 Dewbourne Avenue, and Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Gerston and daughter, Cheryl, 107 Dewbourne Avenue, spent several weeks in New York and Asbury Park, N.J.

Mrs. Louis Wise, 15 Winnett Avenue, spent several days at Monteith Inn, where she visited her aunt, Mrs. Joseph Wall.

Miss Barbara Winston, Northcliffe Boulevard, has returned after spending several weeks at Big Cedar Point.

Nathan Pomerantz, of St. Louis, Missouri, spent several days visiting his aunt, Mrs. Frances Davidson, 12 Wellwood Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Greenbaum, 512 Vesta Drive, have returned after spending several days in Montreal, Que.

Mrs. H. R. Gerston and daughter, Cheryl, Dewbourne Avenue, are spending the season with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Bergman, at their summer home in Big Cedar Point.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack E. Dubiner, 67 Elderwood Drive, spent several days at Crystal Beach.

Albert Arron, of Halifax, N.S., is visiting Macy and Roy Silver, 1234 Avenue Road, for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Cohen, Dewbourne Avenue, spent several days in Chatham.

Dr. and Mrs. Bernard Herman, of Los Angeles, Calif., are spending several days with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Herman, 61 Lyndhurst Avenue.

Mrs. Joseph Wall, 230 Heath Street West, spent several weeks at Monteith Inn, where she was joined by her husband, Mr. Wall.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ramm and children, Audrey and Julius, of Rochester, N.Y., are spending several days visiting Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gatto, Broadview Avenue.

Miss Ida Illion, College Street, has returned after spending several days in Newark, N.J., where she was present for the wedding of her niece, Renee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Illion, to Samuel Hertz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Hertz, all of Irvington, N.J.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Rosen, George Street, sailed on the Queen Mary for Paris, France, to be present at the marriage of their son, Irving, to Tamara, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Galperin, of Paris, France, on September 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack King, formerly of Toronto, now of London, England, spent several months visiting the latter's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Goldberg, Robert Street.

Mr. and Mrs. William Contract and family, of New York, are visiting her mother, Mrs. A. Moskowitz, 505 Palmerston Boulevard.

Miss Rose Schiff, Cecil Street, left for Miami Beach, Florida. She is motoring to New York where she will visit her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rubin, of Mount Vernon, N.Y., and will fly to Miami Beach where she will reside at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. A. Price.

J. Litowitz, of New York, is visiting his sister, Mrs. A. Moskowitz, Palmerston Boulevard, for several days.

Miss Debby Yasny, Brunswick Avenue, is coming home after spending the summer in Akron, Ohio, where she visited her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Young.

Mrs. Samuel Collins, Shannon Street, went to Chicago, Ill., to spend several weeks with her son, Arthur Collins.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Windt, of Bayside, Long Island, N.Y., is in town, visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. K. Schiff, Cecil Street, for several days.

Out-of-town guests of the Seiden-Kerzner wedding were: Mr. and Mrs. Max Kander, Mr. and Mrs. Alec Levitan and family; Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Kander and family; Mr. and Mrs. Victor Kander and family; Mr. and Mrs. Irving Kander, all of Toledo, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kander and family, of Bowling Green, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. W. Lantsman, of Detroit, Mich.; and Mrs. Max Kander, of Windsor; and Morris Feinbloom, of Montreal, Que.

Out-of-town guests for the Schwartz-Hadler wedding were: Rabbi and Mrs. A. I. Rosenberg, and family, of Savannah, Georgia, uncle and aunt of the bride; Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Pine, brother-in-law and sister of the bride, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert I. Hadler, brother and sister-in-law of the bride, of Madison, Wis.; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Glass, of New York, cousins of the bride; Mr. and Mrs. I. Zucker and family; Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. M. Leibtag, Miss Sylvia Silverberg, Miss Miriam Rosenberg, all of Hamilton; Mrs. Gertrude Narosney, Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Schwartz, Mrs. Louis Heller and children, Irving Heller and Miss Lillian Heller; and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Weiss and children, Robert and Albert, all of Cleveland, Ohio.

At a weiner roast held at Levine's farm, in Whitby, Ontario, in honour of Allan Pearlstein, Gloucester Grove, who spent the summer with the University Naval Training Division, were: Helen Sussman, Gloria Pearlstein, Florence Finkenthal, Sylvia Parker, Beatrice Parker, Ruth Wall, Rebecca Leventhal, Toby Kadensky, Toby Aniesman, Dorothy Rubin, Lenora Silverstein, Francine Solomon; and Allan Pearlstein, Abraham Ruby, David Pearlstein, Roy Silver, Robert Edson, Harold Levine, Joseph Zon, Sol. Lewis, Macy Silver, Murray Freedman, Harry Bregman, and Morton Bernstein.

The following stopped at Georgian Bay Lodge, in Penetang: Mr. and Mrs. H. Fernander, Mr. and Mrs. F. Feigenbaum, Dr. and Mrs. Earl Rotter, Mr. and Mrs. Nat Salsberg, Arthur Resnick, Samuel Torno, Dr. B. R. Zener, William Solomon, Sam. Silverman, W. Jaibert, Mr. and Mrs. Ben. Sugarman and family; F. M. Catzman and son, Marvin; Edward Jacobs, and Murray Notkin.

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BIRTHS

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Rifle (nee Barbara Goldstein), 429 Crawford Street, at Mount Sinai Hospital, on August 21, a daughter, Carol Susan, sister of Stephen Lawrence; granddaughter of Louis Goldstein, of London, England; and of Mrs. Lena Rifle, 225 Grace Street.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Sigmund Steiner (nee Molly Reuben), 290 Clinton Street, at Mount Sinai Hospital, on August 23, a daughter, Jo-Anne; granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Reuben, 290 Clinton Street; and of Mrs. J. Steiner, 504 Palmerston Avenue.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Malach (nee Esther Rubinoff), 1430 Queen Street West, at Womens College Hospital, on August 25, a daughter, Bonnie, sister of Mari-Lynn; granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Rubinoff, 131 Chiltern Hill Road; and of Mr. and Mrs. J. Malach, 1430 Queen Street West.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Salesberg (nee Dorothy Glaser), of Los Angeles, Calif., at Cedars of Lebanon Hospital, a son, Walter Lawrence; grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. Glaser, 254 Beatrice Street; and of A. Salesberg, Waverley Hotel.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Starkman (nee Frances Allman, formerly of Montreal), 1182b St. Clair Avenue West, at Toronto General Hospital, on August 27, a son, Jay Allan; grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Allman, McEachran Avenue, Montreal, Que.; and of Mrs. Fanny Starkman, Cecil Street, and the late Jacob Starkman; great-grandson of H. Schwartz, Van Horne Avenue, Montreal, Que. Godparents are Mr. and Mrs. Mark Allman.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Feldman (nee Simone Verveat), 686a Bloor Street West, at Mount Sinai Hospital, on August 22, a daughter, Paulette, sister of Michelle; granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarfield Verveat, of Ghent, Belgium

APPROACHING MARRIAGES

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Sharf, Ava Road, announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Esther, to Harold Mecklinger, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Mecklinger, Major Street, the marriage to take place on September 19, at Beth Sholom Synagogue.

The approaching marriage of Ernieee Lynn Fried, daughter of Mrs. Maxwell Edward Enkin, 59 Strathearn Road, and the late Dr. Irwin Robert Fried, to David Lawrence Shanoff, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Samuel Shanoff, 7 Croydon Road, takes place on September 19, in Holy Blossom Synagogue, at three o'clock.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Goldstein, 43 Riverview Gardens, announce the engagement of their only daughter, Sally Pauline, to Gerald Irwin Weisbrod, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Weisbrod, 473 Roxton Road, the marriage to take place in the spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Caplan, Borden Street, announce the engagement of their daughter, Phyllis, to Edward, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Saperstein, Delaware Avenue.

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Mr. and Mrs. Barney Ginsberg, of St. Louis, Missouri, announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Helen Ginsberg, R.N., to Dr. Wilfred S. Weisbrod, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Weisbrod, 473 Roxton Road, Toronto. Mrs. Weisbrod is a graduate of the Jewish Hospital School of Nursing, in St. Louis; and Dr. Weisbrod is a graduate of the University of Toronto, faculty of medicine. He is now doing post-graduate work at the Barnes Hospital in St. Louis.

DEATHS

Mrs. Annie Herman, 179 Dunvegan Road, died on August 23, in her seventy-eighth year. She is survived by two sons, Harry, of New York; and John, of Detroit, Mich.; and two sisters, Mrs. Leo A. Maldaver (Raby); and Mrs. Reuben Allender (Ruth), of Detroit, Mich. Services were conducted from the home of Rabbi A. Kelman. Burial was at Roselawn Cemetery. Pallbearers were: Leo A. Maldaver and Reuben Allender, sons-in-law; and four grandsons, Hartley M. Maldaver, Joseph Allender, Morton Zuckerman, and Donald Herman. Shiva was at the home, 179 Dunvegan Road. Mrs. Herman came here from Manchester, England, forty years ago.

Mrs. Anna Wise died at her home, 21 Borden Street North, in Kitchener, on August 29. She is survived by her husband, Solomon; one son, Edward; one daughter, Mrs. A. Leventhal (Edith); and two grandchildren, Betty and Rena Leventhal. The funeral took place from the home, 21 Borden Street, with Rabbi Israel Hurwich officiating. Burial was in the Jewish cemetery in Kitchener. Shiva was at the home. Mrs. Wise was a member of the Ladies' Aid Society; of Hadassah; of Zedec Israel Congregation; Old Folks' Home; and Folks Farein, all of Toronto.

UNVEILINGS

The unveiling of a memorial tablet for Jay I. English will be held on Sunday, September 5, at 11 a.m., at the Goel Tzedec cemetery, Dawes Road. No cards are being sent out.

An unveiling at the grave of Hyman Mehr will take place on Sunday, September 5, at 12.30 p.m., at Wilson Avenue Cemetery, Rabbi Dr. Judah Washer officiating.

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Hebrew, and the natural corollary of this was the growth of a great love for Zion which young Eliahu developed at an early age. His father, who was a merchant, wanted his son to obtain also a secular education, and enrolled him in the Russian "Gymnasium" (high school). In 1921, at the age of 17, Eliahu entered the University of Kiev, where he studied for several years.

He never completed his university studies at Kiev. The great dream of a Jewish Palestine was constantly before his eyes, it was haunting him day and night, he realized that he could never be at peace with life and with the world —except in Palestine. And so, at the age of 21, when an opportunity had presented itself, he left his native Russia and made his way to Palestine, where he arrived in 1925 as a Chalutz (pioneer). Those early years in Palestine were years of toil and drudgery; he helped build the highways, he dug ditches for irrigation, he tilled the barren soil, and did similar menial labor which to him was sweet and welcome because it meant the upbuilding of Zion.

In 1927 he entered the Hebrew University in Jerusalem in order to complete his studies. By this time, Epstein had developed a keen interest in Arab affairs and the Arab way of life. He began to realize that Jews must become more closely acquainted with their Arab neighbors, must learn their customs and habits as a means toward better understanding, and if such understanding should some day become impossible, and Jews will be forced into a position where they will have to take up arms against the Arabs, then at least they will have sufficient information about Arab political methods, military tactics, their way of life, and their mode of thinking.

Epstein proceeds to neighboring Transjordan, where he lives among the native Arab population, observes Bedouin life and customs, and studies the Arabic language. He then returns to the Hebrew University to pursue a series of courses on Arabian civilization. In 1930, he was granted a scholarship by the Rockefeller Foundation to continue his studies on Arabian civilization at the American University in Beirut, Lebanon.

He studied in Beirut for several years, during which time he also made lengthy excursions over a period of eight months into the deserts, where he studied Bedouin life at close range. The result of these studies were two volumes which he published in Hebrew: "The Bedouins, Their Life and Their Customs" and "The Population of Transjordan." In addition, he also published many articles and studies dealing with the social and economic conditions of the native population in Lebanon, Transjordan, and other Near Eastern countries.

All of these writings and studies gave him much prestige and helped to establish him as an expert on Arab affairs. There was only one fly in the ointment—one also had to eat! There was practically no opportunity for the stranger in Beirut to gain even the most meager income to keep body and soul together until the courses at the University are completed. Fortunately, he succeeded in obtaining employment with the British news agency, Reuter's, as their Beirut correspondent, which he retained for nearly two years and which netted him a small monthly income. At last, he completed his studies and returned in 1934 to Palestine.

Back home, his knowledge of Arab affairs was soon recognized, and he was taken on by the Jewish Agency as its Arab expert. He would often undertake special missions for the Agency to the neighboring Arab countries where he could meet with Arab leaders. His official title was "Chief of the Middle East Section," where he served under the leadership and guidance of Moshe Shertok, then head of the Agency's Political Department.

Epstein's first direct contact with U. S. officials was made at the San Francisco Conference, and this helped pave the way for him subsequently in Washington and as adviser to the Jewish Agency delegation at Lake Success when the partition of Palestine was under discussion. With the exception of brief visits to Palestine and as a delegate to the World Zionist Congress at Basle in December, 1946, Epstein served continuously in Washington as the Agency's representative and director of its office. Here he worked with a small staff, including several Palestinians, who helped him in his day-to-day work.

When the Jewish state was proclaimed on May 15 of this year, Epstein was named as Special Representative of the Provisional Government of Israel. He played an important role in obtaining early U. S. recognition of Israel. It was he who wrote the memorandum to President Truman requesting that the United States extend recognition to the new state. It was, likewise, he who was the first one to be informed by President Truman that the U. S. had granted recognition to the Jewish state.

This writer will never forget that historic Friday afternoon at the Jewish Agency building on Massachusetts Avenue. Many hundreds of people had assembled in front of the building to witness the ceremony of raising the Jewish flag at the precise moment when the Jewish state was being proclaimed in Israel. Shortly after six o'clock, when the flag was already waving in the sunlight of a beautiful spring day, Epstein suddenly left the joyous crowd and hastened into the building. He quickly ascended the flight of steps to his office and remained there behind closed doors for about fifteen minutes.

Meanwhile, the huge crowd began to saunter into the building and to fill up every nook and cranny on the ground floor. Soon Epstein came down, his face was flushed, he was visibly excited. He made his way through the crowd with great difficulty toward the table in the center of the room, stood himself on a chair, and asked for silence—he has an important announcement to make. He was shaking from excitement, and his voice trembled as he started to speak:

"My friends, I have just been informed from the White House that President Truman has issued a statement recognizing the Jewish state."

That was as far as he could go. Pandemonium broke loose. People became delirious with joy. They were shouting, singing, crying, kissing and hugging each other. Epstein stood there as if in a daze, gazed at the shouting, cheering people, then suddenly, as it dawned on him that it was not a dream, that it was all real and true, tears flushed into his eyes. No, he did not turn his head away. This was a day when it was fitting for even a strong, courageous man to shed tears of joy.

Today, Epstein is one of the busiest diplomats in Washington. When friends reprove him gently that his phone is always busy, and that he always seems to be in conference, he smiles politely and replies: "Our struggle is not yet completely over."

He and Mrs. Epstein occupy small apartment a short distance from his office. Mrs. Epstein, a charming young woman in her thirties, is Palestinian-born. Her maiden name was Zahavah Zalel, but in Washington she is known as Zahavah. She met Epstein when they were both students at the Hebrew University. She had planned to specialize in Arab social problems, but Epstein convinced her that one expert on Arab affairs in the family would be sufficient. For a time she studied art in Paris, and now she devotes her leisure time to art at the Corcoran School of Art in Washington.

This, then, is Israel's first diplomatic representative in Washington. A pleasant and friendly person, he represents the Jewish people with great devotion and loyalty, with honor and integrity. In the diplomatic colony of this most important capital city, he will surely carve out for himself a career of distinction and of service to his people.

N.Y. Educator To Be Principal In Israel

The appointment of Shemeon Pollack, of New York, as principal of the children's village of Meier Shfeyah in Israel, was announced by Miss Zelda Funk, national president of Junior Hadassah. Mr. Pollack succeeds Dr. Abraham Fuerst, of Israel, who retired some months ago after nearly 20 years as principal of Meier Shfeyah. The first settler's certificate for Israel to be issued after the formal institution of the Israeli consulate in New York, was given to Mr. Pollack.

The children's village of Meier Shfeyah has been the main project of Junior Hadassah since 1926. Originally it was intended mainly for underprivileged Palestinian children, recommended for special care and education by the social welfare agencies of the Jewish community. However, since 1938, in addition to the native children, the village has provided home and education for Youth Aliyah (immigration) boys and girls who have been brought to Palestine from Europe and the Middle East. Meier Shfeya houses at present 435 boys and girls from eight years to seventeen years of age.

A graduate of the Yeshivah of Vilna and the Teachers' College in Jerusalem, Mr. Pollack also holds B.S. and M.A. degrees from Teachers' College of Columbia University. He first went to Palestine in 1914 to study at the Teachers' College in Jerusalem, but his studies were interrupted by World War I, when he, like all the other young men in Palestine at the time, was drafted into the Turkish Army. Released from the Turkish Army while he was in Syria, because the Jewish soldiers were suspected of being too friendly to the British, Pollack began to work for the Zionist cause in Damascus where he helped to organize the first Zionist Youth Group in Syria and fostered among the Jewish youth there a program of sports and Hebrew education.

Returning to Palestine, he spent four years teaching at Rehovoth where he pioneered in the "project" method of teaching. Rehovoth was at the time an agricultural colony and, realizing that the best preparation his pupils could have for their future life was to learn agricultural pursuits, he introduced such activities so that his students could "learn while doing."

Mr. Pollack came to the U.S. to complete his studies in advanced teaching methods and to take his degrees at Columbia University. During the time he was in America, he fostered Hebrew learning. Just before accepting the position as principal of Meier Shfeyah, he was branch supervisor and teacher at the Hebrew High School of Greater New York, and has also been an instructor at the Jewish Teachers' Seminary.

Among his "extra-curricular" activities are: builder and managing director of Camp Scopus, an adult Zionist camp; director and business manager of the Hebrew speaking camp, Massad; president of the Federation of Hebrew Teachers of America; member of the Board of Review for Jewish Schools in New York City; member of the National Board of License for Teachers in the United States.

It was his early work as a Palestinian educator and among Syrian youth, that caused Pollack to become interested in Meier Shfeyah and to apply for the position of principal. The children's village of Meier Shfeyah is overcrowded with its present population and must be enlarged, not only to provide better facilities for the children now there, but also for the immigrant youth that is now returning to Israel. Junior Hadassah also supports, together with Hadassah, the Henrietta Szold School of Nursing in Jerusalem.

FIRST-AID TRAINING

The benefits of first-aid training have been demonstrated many times in schools, offices and factories. Even in the so-called "white-collar occupations" the number of minor emergencies requiring trained assistance is large. Without prompt and adequate treatment, they may be dangerous. In factories, mills and mines the incidence of serious accidents is higher and the need for trained first-aid workers is more apparent. Even in the home, a knowledge of first-aid may often be invaluable when accidents occur.

Toronto Meetings

● TORONTO LODGE, Bnai Brith Number 836: Stag meeting takes place on Monday, September 20, at 8.15 p.m., in the ballroom of the Royal York Hotel. Milton Shekter is president.

● AID TO ISRAEL material going forward to the national warehouse in Montreal included shipments of food, clothing, medical supplies. Hundreds of dresses have been contributed by the dress manufacturers, chairmanship of Nat Laurie and I. Fram. A. Matlow, B. Silverstein, Al. Pattenick, A. Savlov, J. Steinberg received generous contributions from wholesale dry goods firms. To place containers in all Jewish retail grocery establishments, L. Weinstein and Irving Fields are chairmen. Gifts of food are being received daily at the Central Depot, 317 College Street. A collection in Belle Ewart over one week-end resulted in 800 cans of food being contributed. The cloak division, chairmanship of M. Shamkman, has called upon all members of the trade to send in their contributions; also the knit goods division, leadership of S. Klebenoff and J. Lipson; textile trade, Henry Weiner and A. E. Gelber; women's and men's retail clothing group, Ben Foster; Wm. Soren, Irving S. Albert, retail hardware trade; Women's Division, chairmanship of Mesdames L. Kert, S. Spivak, H. Frankel, food and linen showers, children's clothing project, food contributions from children.

● BNAI BRITH WOMEN, Upper Canada Chapter Number 544, meets on Tuesday, September 7, at the Royal York Hotel. Guest speaker will be Leon Weinstein, of Toronto Lodge Number 868, Bnai Brith. Miss Rose Levman will be guest soloist and Miss Lucy Hartzman, president, will outline activities for the season. Miss Clara Gilboard, membership chairman, is in charge.

● At the East Central Region Conference of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds being held in Cleveland, Ohio, on September 24, 25, 26, will be Ben Sadowski and Miss Florence Hutner of Toronto. Mr. Sadowski will be chairman of the session to which Harold Glasser, Director of the Institute on Overseas Needs, is reporting, and Miss Hutner will be a discussant on campaign experience. Regional Executive Committee includes Edward Barkoff, of Montreal; Edward E. Gelber, of Toronto; Samuel Pollock, of Hamilton; Harry Rosenthal, of Windsor.

● BETH SHOLOM SYNAGOGUE, Eglinton Avenue West, will hold a Siyum Ha-torah, on Sunday, September 12, at 1.15 p.m., a service of dedication for a new Torah Scroll presented by: Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Machtinger, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Price, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rubin, Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Silverstein, Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Applebaum in memory of their parents, Abraham and Gitel Machtinger.

● BNAI BRITH WOMEN, Chapter 434: An executive meeting at the home of the president, Mrs. Edward Winer, 107 Ava Road, had Mrs. Norman Cowan as chairman. Luncheon and floor show takes place on September 14, at the Barclay Hotel, at 12.30 p.m. For reservations call Mrs. Samuel Spencer, OR. 9872; or Mrs. S. Kaplan, LO. 6550. Tickets were distributed for the Bnai Brith monster bingo which takes place on September 14, at the Maple Leaf Gardens. For tickets call Mrs. L. Moscovitz, OR. 0607. Mrs. Maurice Sone reported on the luncheon; European relief was reported by Mrs. S. Woolf; B.B.Y.O., by Mrs. L. Moscovitz; fall fashion shows by Mrs. Louis English.

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The Distinction Between "Jew" And "Zionist" Must Be Made

By H. M. Sonneborn, Of Wheeling, West Virginia

The following appeared as a letter to the New York Times:

You have distinguished between "Jew" and "Zionist" in your representation of the Palestine situation. This is an important distinction. If the State of Israel is to exist, the importance of this distinction in American life will become increasingly more necessary, both to a complete understanding of the Israeli situation and to the status desired by the vast majority of Americans of Jewish faith.

In connection with these comments, I noticed in The Times for Aug. 4 a story reporting the interview of one of your reporters with Arthur Garfield Hays. While the major portion of this story had to do with Mr. Hays' attitude toward the present Communist investigations, in attempting to make one of his points, Mr. Hays said "he would (not) want to have in his office 'a Jew if the business of that office concerned the Palestine question, for there would be bias and personal interest'."

Knowing Mr. Hays as one of the stalwarts of American freedom and liberalism, I am sure that his use of the word "Jew" was an oversight. I am confident that what Mr. Hays meant was that he would not want a "Zionist" in his office if the office handled matters pertaining to Palestine.

There are many Jews who are not Zionists. They are Jews by religion. In their national loyalties, allegiances, rights and responsibilities they are solely and completely nationals of the United States. They would therefore have no national bias for the Zionist State that has been proclaimed in a portion of Palestine.

Zionists, on the other hand, have for fifty years based a program for political control of Palestine on Zionist national rights to the country, and they have demanded privileges in the accepted responsibilities for the implementation of those rights on a Zionist national basis. One can therefore very well expect them to have a bias in the Palestine situation.

The distinction between "Jew" and "Zionist" is therefore an important one that must be made constantly as reports and news about the Palestine situation continue to occupy a prominent place in the American press.

Once again I express my gratitude to The New York Times for having generally observed this distinction and express my hope that that policy will be continued. By so doing, the vast majority of Jews of the United States will be freed of the kind of justifiable suspicion of bias that even a liberal like Mr. Hays raises in connection with Zionists.

The editor of the Times notes:

As to the comments of Arthur Garfield Hays, quoted in the letter above, Mr. Hays explained two days later that he meant his observations to apply to the State Department, and not his own law office. He said, in effect, he would not want anyone in the State Department handling the Palestine situation who might be biased in favor of the Zionists. His explanation is noted here for the record, for it does not seem to alter the main point of Mr. Sonneborn's letter, which is that distinction should be made between the words "Jew" and "Zionist" in matters pertaining to Palestine.

PERON

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their business without persecution or protest.

There has been no official anti-Semitism there during the past year. The only manifestations of anti-Semitism have been in extremist papers.

The throng carried banners asking for Argentine recognition of Israel and many in the crowd felt that President Peron's cordiality meant that such a step was imminent. Moses Toff, Israeli Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, is in Brazil en route to Buenos Aires.

Argentina has as many or more Syrians and Lebanese as Jews and is negotiating trade agreements with Syria and Lebanon. The Arab colonies are influential in the provinces of Tucuman and Santiago des Estero and in Buenos Aires where men of Arab ancestry hold big jobs in the Senate and in the local government.

The Remarkable Growth Of Israel

By Fitzhugh Turner, In The New York Herald Tribune

Just a few weeks ago the Jewish community of Palestine was a few hundred thousand people with a past, a plan and the capacity for hard, sometimes desperate work. Today that community is an independent state, recognized by fifteen sister states, an established nation successful in war and all but completely organized for peace.

The achievement—its rapid progress has surprised even the men and women who planned it—obviously it is one of the remarkable national successes of history. Many peoples have gained independence and nationhood by force of arms; few have done it so smoothly, or so fast.

Or so thoroughly. Fighting and debate have obscured the story somewhat in recent weeks so that few outsiders and not all Zionists yet recognize how much stature the infant Israel has gained.

One illustration of its stature is that the new state, only a gleam a year ago in the eye of the United Nations, has become firmly assertive toward its parent. At Lake Success, Aubrey S. Eban told the Security Council flatly that Israel would brook no interference in immigration from U.N. or anyone else. The Security Council took it without argument, as calmly as if the declaration had come, for example, from England.

Within Palestine, examples are many. Israel started life complete with postage stamps, rubber stamps, communications, passports, public works, food control, its own bureaucracy and all the trappings of a modern nation, together with more public services than most, as behooves a socialist state. There is a functioning government of thirteen ministries, a provisional parliament (or council of government), and even a seat of government at Hakiriyah, near Tel Aviv.

Despite a war, roads are being built, water systems laid, immigration and resettlement continued, progress projected into the future. The legal system, taken over from the British except for objectionable land and immigration laws, is intact and functioning. A Tel Aviv court has five Britons up for trial under the defense of the realm act, which Britain used to try terrorists. Even Peter H. Bergson, who raised money in the United States for terrorists, is being held under these laws.

In war, Israel, admittedly with plenty of help from America, South Africa and elsewhere, has fed itself, armed itself, manufactured some weapons and clothed and trained its army, navy and air force. It has defended its complicated boundaries against Arab armies with only one minor loss of territory. It has proved itself stronger than the combination of its hostile neighbors, has even bombed enemy capitals.

Not only has it held all the land the United Nations gave it but it has also occupied Arab areas refused it by the U. N. Western Galilee, which was to have been part of the Arab state in Palestine, is in Jewish hands; Jews do not intend to give it up. The same is true of Jerusalem, which Zionists always have regarded their rightful political capital.

The United Nations made Jerusalem an international zone but did nothing effective to internationalize it. Israel filled the vacuum by decreeing Israeli rule of the Holy City under occupation. If an anguished cry was expected from Christian or Moslem worlds or from Lake Success, none developed. Foreign Minister Moshe Shertok made Israeli possession of the city a trump card in future negotiations, with an obvious plan to make it a permanent part of the state if possible.

Israel also has been able to quell its dissidents. Terrorists of the Irgun Zvai Leumi and the Stern gang, driven out of Israel proper or required to become law-abiding citizens and soldiers, picked Jerusalem as their special ground and set up operations there. By putting the city under Israeli law the provisional government took the final step toward ending terror by violence among Jews, something the British never were able to do.

Israel even has started a program to integrate its remaining minority of 60,000 Arabs, who have been promised equal rights with Jews. Like elections and adoption of a written constitution, however, the main Arab minority problem is a job for the future, after peace is certain. Some 250,000 Arabs fled Jewish areas during hostilities last spring. Israel, holding back another trump card for the conference table, has refused to permit them back until a final settlement of the Arab quarrel.

POLISH JEWS

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...led, or died in Nazi concentration camps and several hundred thousand fled the country. Today there are only 100,000 Jews in all of Poland, many of whom are planning to go to Israel once conditions in the newly created Jewish state will permit their absorption.

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paper editor" on whether commercial concerns should be allowed free reign in the time and material they might use in radio advertising.

The second day's examination dealt with questions in biology, physics and mathematics.

The State Education Department's division of examinations and testing said it was impossible for anyone to get 100 per cent in the scholarship examinations, and that the questions were purposely made "too difficult" in order to avoid ties. Therefore, it was explained, young Greenwood "missed a few questions—he would have to." In scoring the results, an arbitrary rating of 100 per cent is placed slightly above the point mark achieved by the highest pupil, and the rest of the candidates are rated accordingly.

Of his plans after graduation from college, David said he intended to follow either law or teaching. His father, George H. Greenwood, teaches mathematics at Alexander Hamilton Vocational High School, Brooklyn, while his mother, Mrs. Kathryn Greenwood, is an elementary school teacher at the Center Academy, Brooklyn.

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at the boycott, saying it was undesirable "when our established American interests call for the upbuilding of the economy of Western Europe and indeed of the world at large."

Smertenko showed The Jewish Post evidence to prove that one of the largest American textile manufacturers has cancelled a $1,500,000 order of British-processed goods and that three N.Y. movie distributors, Century Distributors, Harry Brandt and Leo Storch, have discontinued handling of British films. He said several hundred smaller stores, particularly retail groceries, have stopped handling British products and that an increasing number of liquor salesmen are refusing to take orders for Scotch whiskey. Smertenko said the committee has received thousands of approving letters. Among letters from England, 39 favored the boycott and a few were anti-Semitic attacks.

CLAIMS U.S. ENTRY

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cessitates the individual's travelling to the consulate. Sometimes trips of more than 100 miles are involved. The refugees cannot afford these trips since new currency was introduced, and the International Relief Organization has no funds to pay the fare. The United States is the only country insisting on this procedure.

Once the applicant gets to the consulate, he is subjected to a thorough examination that includes filling out forms and fingerprinting. The consulates do not accept even the clearing of an applicant by the United States Army Counter-Intelligence Corps, insisting that the law requires their own investigation.

The United States Congress and the President have stressed repeatedly that displaced persons should receive every facility under the law to enter the United States. The almost universal opinion of refugee experts who have observed procedures in Germany is that consular officials make it much more difficult for displaced persons than for Germans emigrating to the United States. This is a matter of their personal attitude as much as anything else, observers feel.

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He emigrated to New York in 1911. "The Blacksmith's Daughter," "A Life for a Life," "Child of the World," "Who the Devil Knows" and "The Dew Falls" were among his other plays. Mr. Hirshbein also wrote novels, travel books and poetry. His collected works were published in 1917 in America by the Dramatic League of America. In 1930 they were printed in Poland. He was known as a leading Jewish writer on nature and in his works was reflected the tragedy of the deserted countryside where he grew up as the son of a local miller.

"Hitler's Madman," of which the screen play was by Mr. Hirshbein, from an original story by Emil Ludwig, was presented at the Rialto Theatre in New York in 1943.

The World Jewish Congress has protested to President Enrique Hertzog of Bolivia against a decree issued by him last June 15 authorizing an audit of "the capital of commercial activities of Semitic persons who entered the country since 1937." Robert Marcus, Political Director of the Congress, in a letter to President Hertzog, refers to the decree as "the first incidence of anti-Jewish legal discrimination after the collapse of the Axis powers and the first ever to be enacted in the Western Hemisphere."

First essay contests in Jewish history and literature were conducted in 1876 and 1877 by the New York and Philadelphia YMHAs. Emma Lazarus, the famous poet, was among the early prize-winners.

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